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CHOICE BETWEEN ITALY AND SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Berlin observers report that the Nazi rulers are being compelled by Soviet pressure to oppose the plan for formation of a Balkan neutral bloc under Italy's aegis.

Germany's position is most embarrassing, as Berlin, which had hoped to benefit by the Italian policy, is now compelled to clearly pronounce between Rome and Moscow, and Moscow's pressure is such that Berlin's choice is no more free.

Consequently, Soviet and German propaganda jointly attack the plans for formation of a neutral Balkan bloc, and Nazi diplomacy is very active in Bulgaria trying to revive the Bulgaro-Rumanian feuds thus torpedoing the formation of a bloc embracing the whole Balkan peninsula.—Havas.

BELGIANS FIRE ON NAZI PLANES

Brussels, To-day.

German planes, flying back to Germany after reconnaissance flights in Northern France, repeatedly violated Belgium's neutrality yesterday.

The Germans were making use of the better weather and apparently made the journey via the North Sea, returning across Belgium.

Anti-aircraft guns went into action against several machines flying over Liege.

It is also reported that a big German bomber was sighted over Swiss territory, flying in a south-westerly direction.

Swiss A. A. guns went into action, but failed to hit the invader.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east and light winds, moderate, cloudy.

EXCHANGE OF INTERNEES PROPOSED

London, To-day.
It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that proposals are being studied for an exchange of Britons interned in Germany for German nationals interned in the British Isles or other parts of the Empire.—Reuter.

ITALY'S WARNING TO SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The "Gazette del Popolo" writes: "Italy will never permit Soviet Russia to cross the Carpathian Mountains in order to penetrate the Danube Valley and the Balkans.

"It is highly regrettable that the door to the west has been opened to a destructive element which may threaten one day the Balkans, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean."

The newspaper declares it is evident the Red Army is serving only as a material force for Bolshevik theories, and it would be a dangerous error to believe that Russia had abandoned Communism to revert to Czarist imperialist tendencies.

Communism had not lost its virulence and Italians were maintaining a close watch.—Havas.

JAPANESE NAVY PLANE AT KAI TACK

The first visit of a Japanese war plane to Hong Kong took place this afternoon when a machine, belonging to the Japanese Navy landed at Kai Tak Aerodrome at 1 p.m.

The machine came from Canton with the object of picking up a spare tyre and repair materials for the Imperial Airways "Dardanus" which was forced down on Weichow Island the other day.

After obtaining the necessary materials the plane left for Weichow Island at 2 p.m.

It is understood that the Japanese have undertaken to repair the Imperial Airways aircraft and that when completed, a Japanese vessel will convey the Pilot from Hong Kong to the Island to fly the machine to Hong Kong.

DISSATISFACTION GROWING IN GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

THE NEWSPAPER "Tag Wacht" reports that dissatisfaction is daily growing in Germany, but adds it should not be believed that a revolt will soon break out against Naziism.

The Nazi police, says the journal, are strong enough to crush for some time yet any attempt at rebellion.

Discontent among the population is, however, noticeable even to a superficial observer.

Thousands of arrests and searches are being made and there are rumours that a wide-spread mass "purge" is taking place among the Brown Shirts and Storm Troopers.

More people daily are listening to foreign broadcasts in spite of the severe punishment they risk.—Havas.

GAINING LBS. IN CAMP

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. KENNETH LINDSAY, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, STATED IN A PARLIAMENTARY ANSWER YESTERDAY THAT MANY OF THE EVACUATED CHILDREN WERE DERIVING CONSIDERABLE BENEFITS FROM RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY.

The average weight of boys from the Woolwich area, now in camp

HUNGARY WARNS NAZI GROUPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BUDAPEST, TO-DAY.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT HESITATE TO CRUSH, WITH EVERY MEANS IN ITS POWER, POLITICAL AGITATION DETRIMENTAL TO THE COUNTRY'S INTERESTS," DECLARED THE HUNGARIAN HOME MINISTER, M. KEREZTES FISCHER, IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES YESTERDAY.

The statement is taken as a warning to the Hungarian Nazis who are making loud protests against the arrests of several agitators.—Havas.

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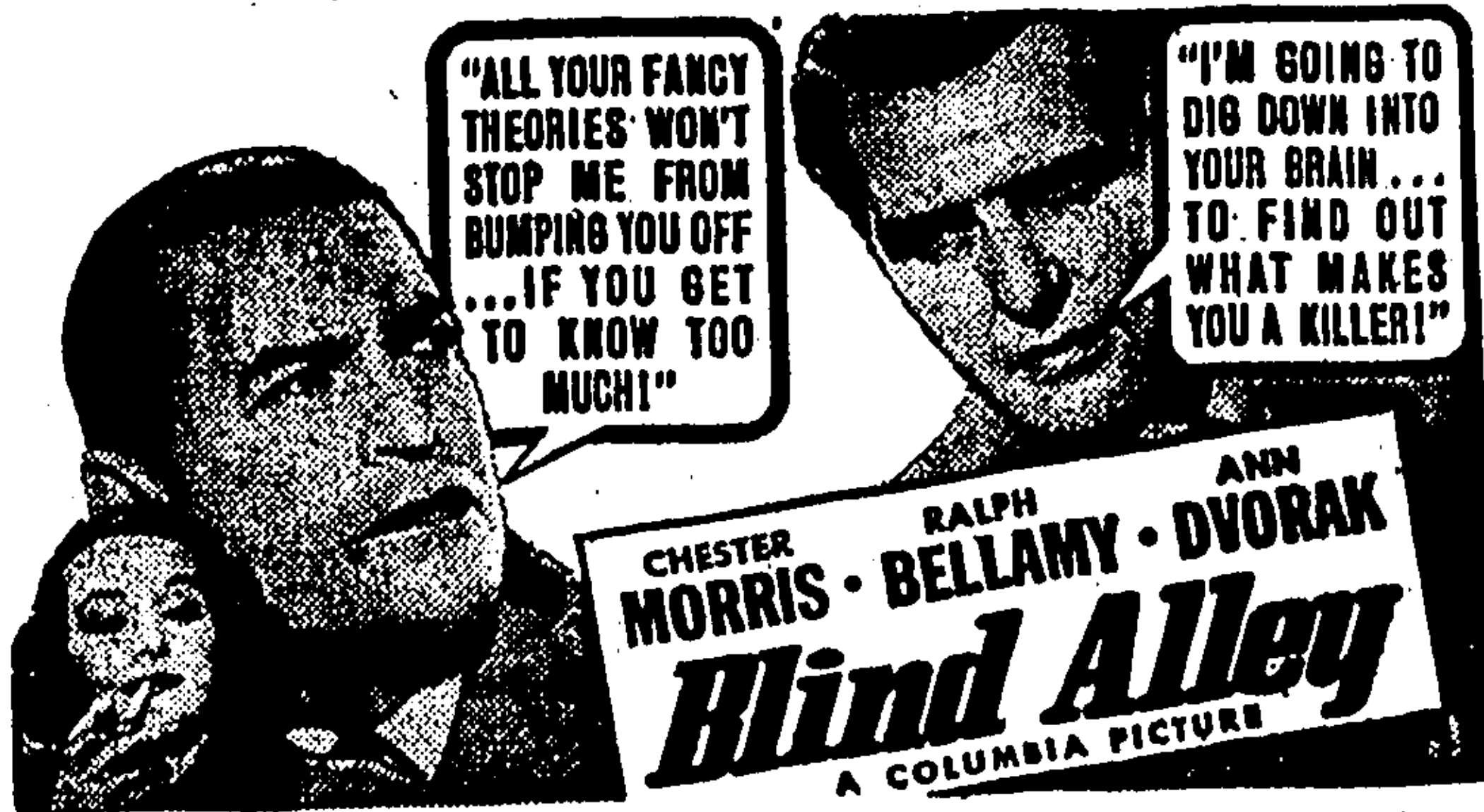
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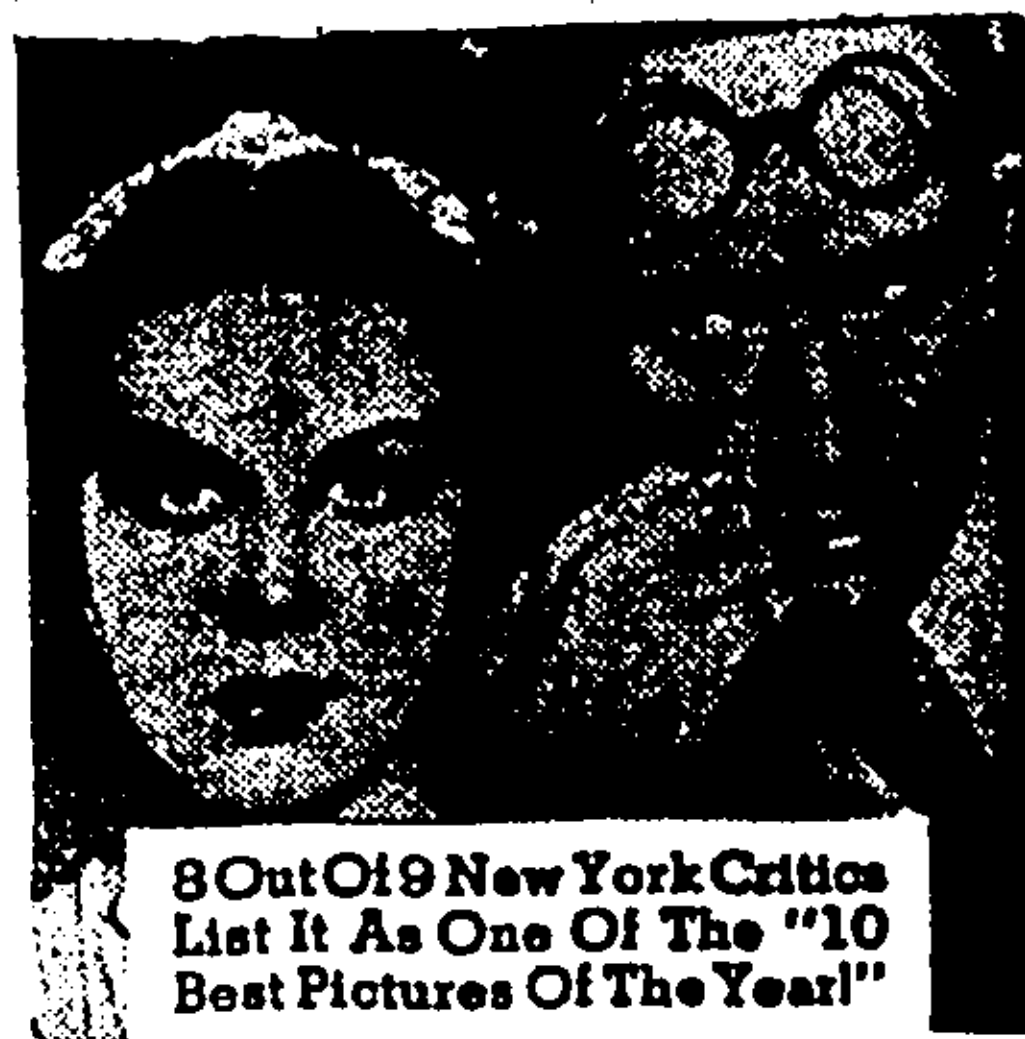
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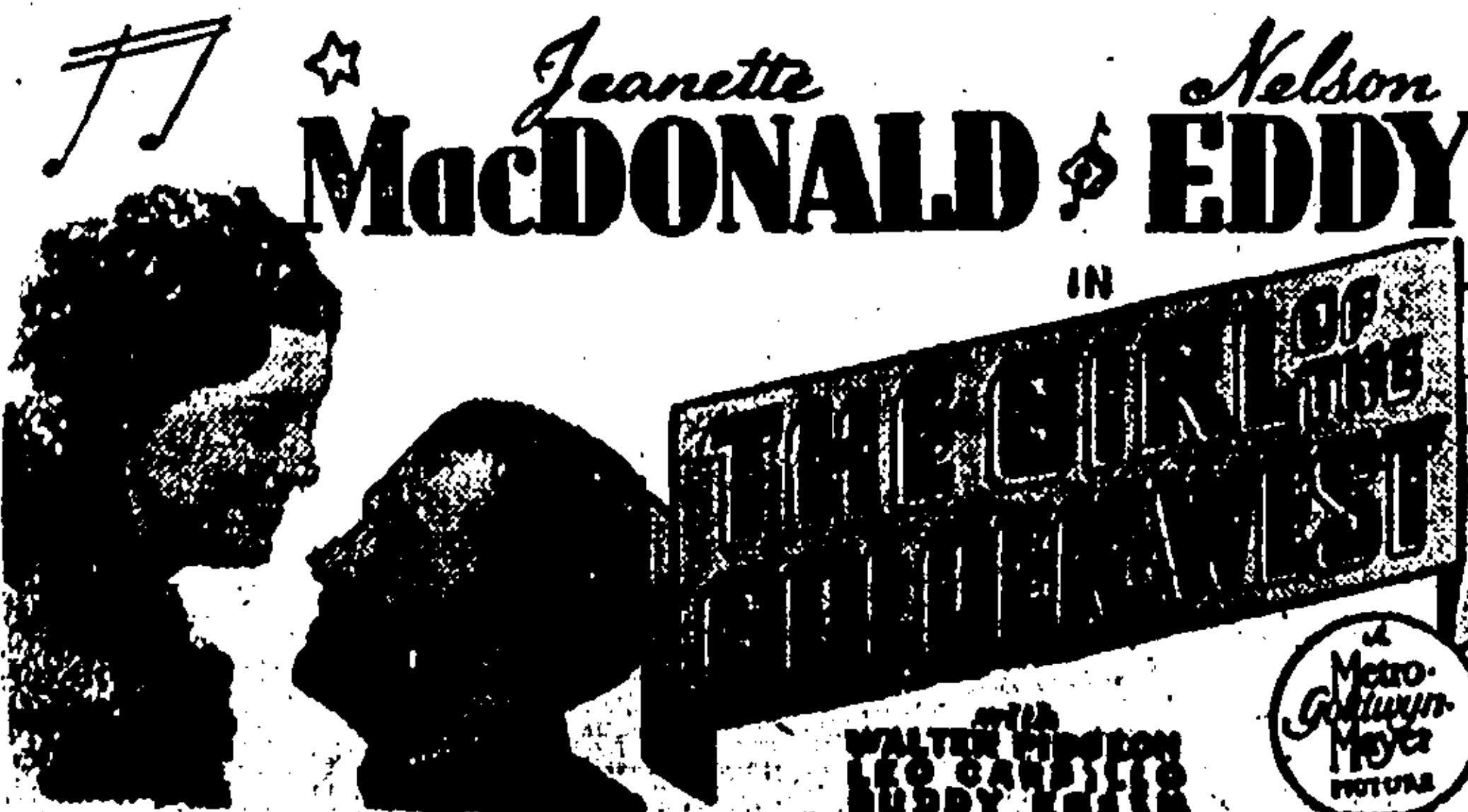


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RUTHLESS GERMAN U-BOAT WARFARE AGAIN EXPOSED

London, To-day.

THE RUTHLESS GERMAN warfare against neutral merchant shipping is instanced by the torpedoing without warning of the Norwegian tanker Arne Kjode by a U-boat.

The U-boat made no attempt to save the crew in spite of bad weather and the position of the sinking, which was far from land.

The Norwegian crew took to the boats when the ship was torpedoed on the evening of November 12. More than two days later 23 men in one boat were picked up after suffering severely from exposure. Twenty hours later 12 more of the crew were picked up. Five men are still missing.

BRUTAL DISREGARD

The whole incident is another instance of Germany's brutal disregard of her guarantees not to sink at sight and without giving the crew an opportunity to escape.

All the rescues in this case were effected by British ships.—Reuter.

"LITTLE ADOLF IN BLUNDERLAND"

"Adolf in Blunderland" is the title of a B.B.C. satire broadcast from London. Max Kester and James Dyrenforth, the joint authors, describe little Adolf's adventures with the White von Ribbit, the Great March Into, the Mad Flatterer, and others.

A typical example of the verse adopted from Lewis Carroll, is:

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During his adventures little Adolf meets the Deutsch-Hess and the King and Queen of Heartlessness.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Mr. Jouett, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce aeronautical department told the press yesterday that in December, 1940, American aviation companies will have a production capacity of 25,000 fighting and transport planes with 1,000-H.P. engines a year. — Havas.

DR. HACHA INTERINED

Paris, To-day.

The "Paris Soir" carries a report from Bratislava to the effect that the Czech president under Nazi rule, M. Hacha, has been "interned" in the presidential chateau near Prague for refusing to publicly repudiate anti-German activity by Czechs in Allied countries.—Reuter.

GEN. SIKORSKI AT NUMBER TEN

London, To-day.

General Sikorski, Prime Minister of Poland and Commander-in-Chief, and M. August Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister, who are in London on an official visit, had a conversation with the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street last evening.—British Wireless.

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SUPERIORITY OF SPITFIRE OVER MESSERSCHMIDT

London, To-day.

THE SUPERIORITY of the standard British fighter, the Spitfire, over the German standard single-seater fighter, the Messerschmidt 109, has been well-established in actions over the western front.

Aerial battles have confirmed pre-war reports by Norwegian, Swiss and Spanish pilots that the Messerschmidt, though extremely fast, lacks manoeuvrability and stalls very easily.

These defects have been displayed in numerous combats in which the Messerschmidt has been outclassed by the American-built Curtiss fighters of the French air force as well as by the Spitfire.

For example, there were two dog-fights on November 6, each between nine Messerschmidts and seven Curtiss fighters, which resulted in four German fighters being destroyed without any French losses.

The effect of the consciousness of inferior manoeuvrability on the pilot is not to be under-estimated.

DANGER AT NIGHT

Regarding the German plane's liability to stall, there is good reason to believe that German pilots are afraid to fly Messerschmidts at night.

It is certain that very few have in fact been flown at night.

The Spitfire, by contrast, is satisfactory in every way.

Any type of German bomber coming within effective range of its eight machine-guns stands little chance of survival.—Reuter.

AMERICAN JOURNALIST ROUSES IRE

Amsterdam, To-day.

Mr. Beach Conger, Berlin correspondent of the "New York Herald-Tribune," was expelled from the daily press conference at the Wilhelmsstrasse, according to the "Handelsbad" correspondent in Berlin.

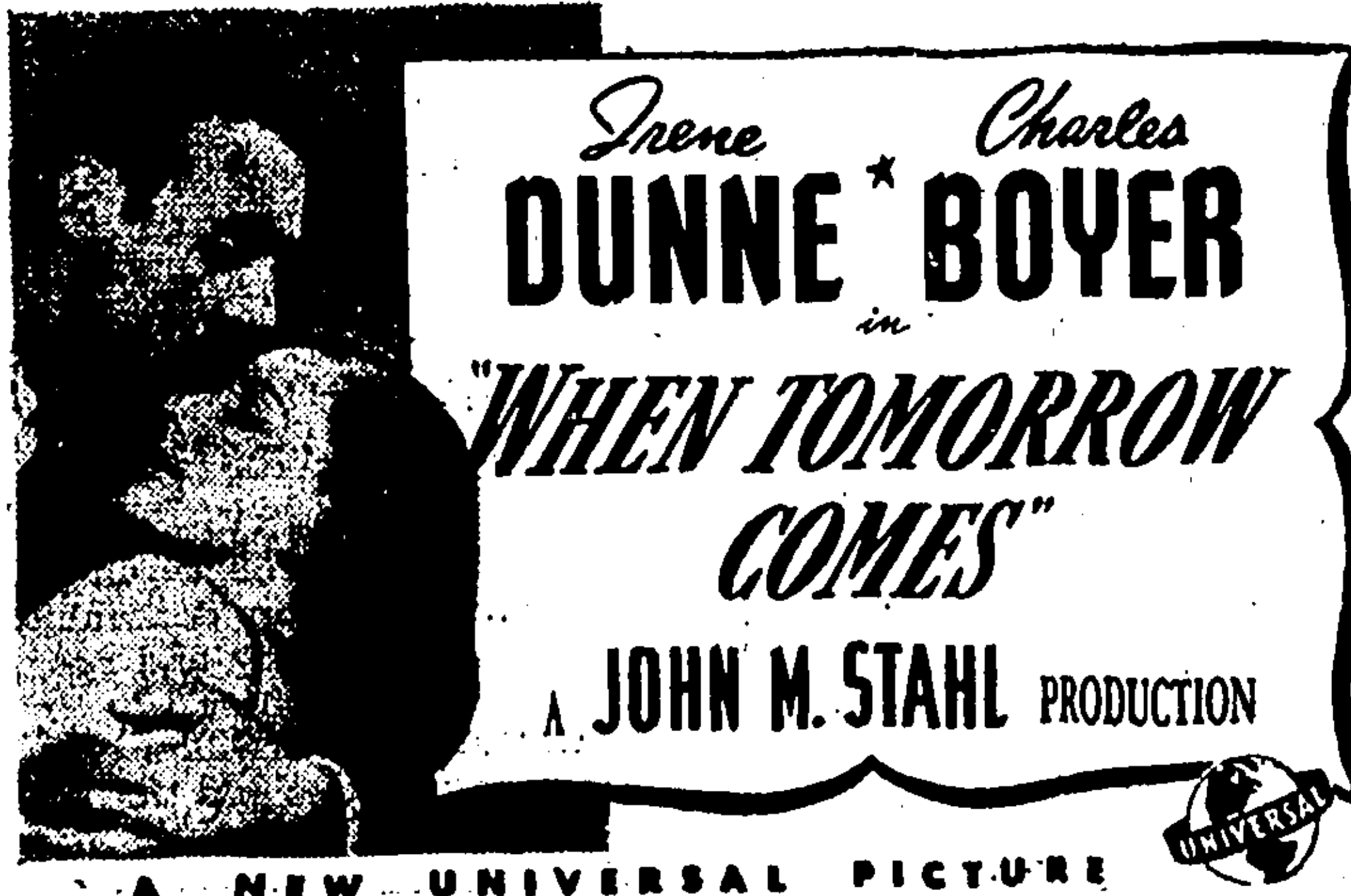
Mr. Conger is accused of sending "inaccurate reports prejudicial to the Third Reich."

The correspondent adds it is understood that Mr. Conger's expulsion from Germany is being considered.—Reuter.

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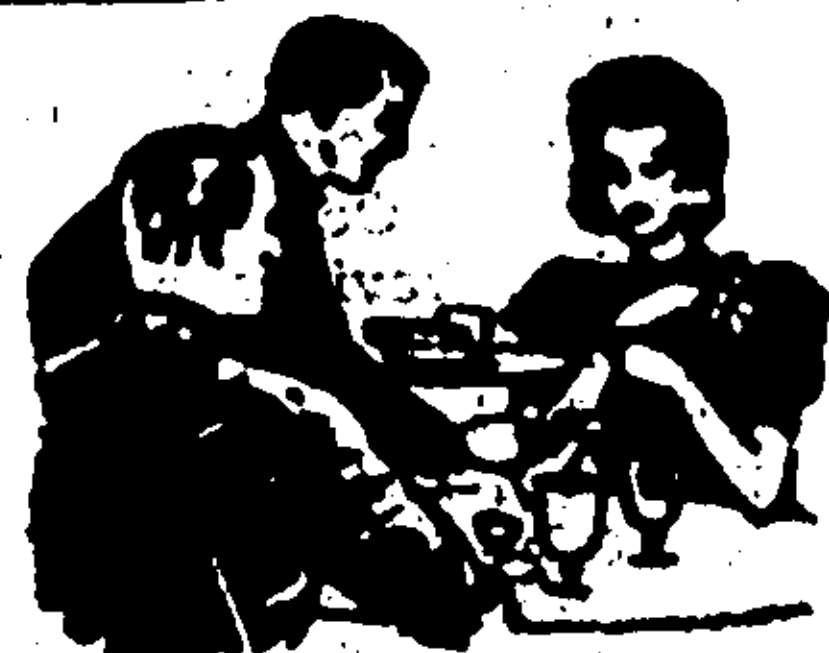


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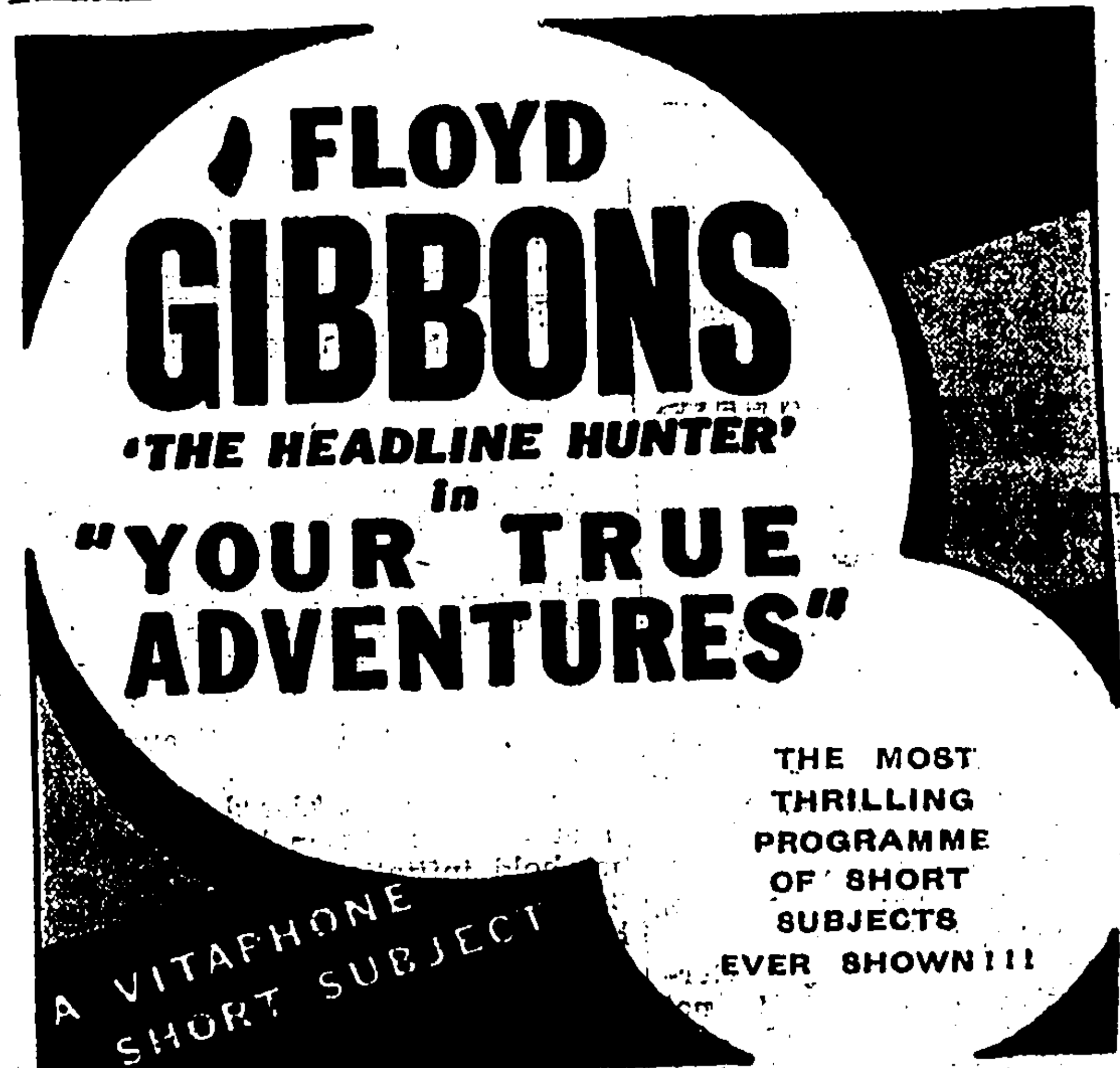
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BRITAIN TO SPEED UP SHIPPING CONVOY SYSTEM: OFFICIAL SURVEY OF WAR

London, To-day.
WELCOMING THE VISIT to London of General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, Sir John Simon, who read the Prime Minister's weekly statement in the House of Commons yesterday, hoped it would soon be possible to organise self-contained Polish forces in France.

Referring to the visit of M. Reynaud, the French Finance Minister, he read a long extract from the communique regarding the necessity for close and continuous Anglo-French financial and economic co-operation.

The discussions with the representatives from the Dominions and India dealt with all aspects of the war, and covered questions of defence, foreign policy, problems of supply and economic warfare and shipping.

A number of meetings were held with representatives of individual Dominions on various special problems, and the progress already made was most encouraging.

CONVOY SPEED-UP

The overseas representatives visit to France and the defence preparations of Britain had given them an opportunity of judging for themselves the magnitude of our war effort and had given them a fuller knowledge of how Empire assistance may best be utilised.

The Minister of Shipping and the First Lord of the Admiralty were discussing acceleration of the system of convoy.

Faster convoys will be established and the number of escorts increased as more escorting vessels become available.

Our destroyers have steamed hundreds of thousands of miles, and one had been sunk by a mine.

GERMAN LOSSES

Four enemy ships were taken last week and two large vessels were scuttled on November 12 and November 13.

Our merchantmen continued to sail in great numbers notwithstanding the crews now have to face torpedo, gun and mine.

Bad weather had curtailed land operations.

Enemy planes raiding the Shetlands on November 14 dropped 12 bombs on land and eight in the sea. They caused no casualties and negligible damage.

There has been considerable activity in the air but no major engagements.—Reuter.

U.S. WARSHIP PLANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
 The Acting Secretary of Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, told the press yesterday that the lessons of the European war will be applied to the construction of the new American cruisers Columbia and Cleveland, both of which displace 8,000 tons.

Mr. Edison added that the German pocket-battleships had not proved their superiority, and the construction of a better type is contemplated by the U.S.A.—Havas.



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ESCAPEE FALLS INTO BARBED WIRE

Au Pak Sing, 36-year-old Chinese soldier, was charged before Mr. E. Himsforth in the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with attempting to escape from the Ma-tau-chung Internment Camp. He was sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Inspector H. E. Rodgers, who prosecuted, said that at 6.45 p.m. on Wednesday, the camp lights fused and 15 men escaped by means of a ladder over the barbed wire.

Subsequent examination showed that the fusing was part of the plan. Next morning, Au was found suffering from various injuries to his legs. He admitted having tried to escape and said he failed when the ladder broke and he fell into the barbed wire.

QUEEN AT A CONCERT

London, To-day.

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, paid another surprise visit yesterday to the mid-day concerts which are being organised at the National Gallery.

The price for all seats for the concerts is only one shilling and Her Majesty sat in the midst of City workers.—Reuter.

BRITAIN URGED TO CLOSER DEFINITION OF PEACE AIMS

London, To-day.

MR. C. R. ATTLEE, Leader of the Labour Opposition, followed Sir John Simon in the House of Commons yesterday and regretted that the German Government had so summarily rejected the Hague peace effort.

"We all hope that those peaceful countries will not be drawn into the war," Mr. Attlee declared.

He welcomed the statement about the visits of General Sikorski (Polish Premier) and M. Reynaud (French Finance Minister), and especially that of the Dominions representatives.

The list of subjects discussed with the overseas visitors, however, did not include the formulation of peace aims.

There was a demand in Britain for a closer definition of our peace aims.

PLANNING FOR PEACE

It was also not too early to give full consideration to the importance of planning for peace in Britain.

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal Leader) particularly welcomed the Anglo-French economic and financial co-operation "because the two countries will sink or swim together, and so will Sterling and the Franc, and nothing but the closest co-operation will avail to save them."

Sir Archibald declared they owed a great debt to Queen Wilhelmina for her bold initiative and for the assertion of the principles of reason and justice, even amid the clamour of war.

CLEARED THE AIR

Moreover, it cleared the air, for no longer can it be argued that the war was forced upon Hitler.

The British Government must be ready to give prompt support if the duty of protecting their neutrality and liberty is imposed on Holland and Belgium by Hitler.

They would not be forgiven if those countries were made victims of German aggression without effective help being given by us.—Reuter.

ADMIRABLE REPLY

London, To-day.
 Sir Archibald Sinclair said the British Government had delivered to the Dutch and Belgian initiative a reply which seemed to him and his Liberal friends to be admirable.

"No-one dares to suggest that the aggressor should be left with the spoils of aggression or that we should make peace before the countries which had been victims of Nazi aggression are liberated."

"Some people have suggested that if only we would negotiate now with Herr Hitler we could achieve that purpose without going on with the war."

"The British and French Governments have answered that they do not want to continue the war a day longer than is necessary to achieve their object."

"They have welcomed the initiative of the Queen of Holland."

ANSWER REFUSED

"Herr Hitler has refused even to answer the Queen's original letter. It is now abundantly clear to the whole world that Herr Hitler is continuing this war for no other reason than to fasten the Nazi yoke firmly on the Czechs and Poles, and the sole responsibility for refusing negotiations rests on him."—British Wireless.

STARVATION MENACE IN LITHUANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Starvation threatens 400 persons in Lithuania, mainly in the newly-acquired districts, the Swiss evangelical press service reports.

The agency adds that their distress is increasing daily.

The Evangelical and Reformed Churches are in a very critical situation.—Havas.

50,000-WORD JUDGMENT IN OIL DISPUTE

Mexico City, To-day.

The Supreme Court will probably deliver final judgment regarding the expropriation of the foreign petroleum interests early next week.

The proceedings yesterday were occupied by the reading of part of the 50,000-word judgment by Judge Aisian supporting the view that the expropriation was constitutional.

The latter part of the judgment will be read to-day, after which the other Judges will consider their verdicts.

RESULT CERTAIN

It is regarded as certain that expropriations dating from March, 1938, will be declared constitutional.

Apparently while it is proposed to pay indemnification to the interests affected for everything installed for development of the industry, no compensation is envisaged for the loss of the concessions. — Reuter.

PROMOTING TRADE IN AMERICAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, opened the session of the Inter-American Economic and Financial Committee, in which 19 countries are participating, yesterday.

Mr. Welles said: "The world knows that we are united in determination to preserve the security and peace of the American hemisphere."

He advocated the creation of inter-American committees for the promotion of trade and the improvement of monetary and financial mechanisms with a view to facilitating inter-American transactions.—Havas.

SHANGHAI'S TRADE

Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai's import trade fell by nearly one-half in October compared with the previous month, but exports showed a rise of more than ten per cent.

Net imports in October were valued at nearly \$26,000,000 and net exports at \$74,000,000, leaving an excess of exports over imports of \$48,000,000.

The corresponding figures for September were \$49,000,000 and \$67,000,000.—Reuter.



Pictures taken last week during the final of the Stubbs Cup Tournament at the Polo Ground.

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ROOSEVELT ON CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. WHEN LAYING THE CORNERSTONE OF THE THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL ON WEDNESDAY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SPOKE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRACIES AND WHAT HE CALLED "THE RULE OF A SELF-CHOSEN INDIVIDUAL."

Thomas Jefferson, he said, lived as we live to-day, in the middle of a struggle between the rule of a self-chosen individual and rule by franchise and the approval of the many.

The United States was satisfied with the republican form of government based on regular recurring opportunities for the citizens to choose their leaders for themselves.—Reuter.

JAPAN AND SOVIET GET TOGETHER

Tokyo, To-day. According to the "Japan Times," formal negotiations for settlement of outstanding differences between the Soviet and Japan will begin as soon as M. Smetanin, the new Soviet Ambassador, has received instructions from Moscow.

The preliminary talks between Admiral Nomura and M. Smetanin on Wednesday are stated to have cleared the atmosphere advantageously.

It is believed that agreement in principle has already been reached regarding settlement of the Nomonhan Incident and that border demarcation will begin in the Spring.

Conclusion of a permanent fisheries agreement is predicted as one of the first likely results of the Japan-Soviet negotiations.—Our Own Correspondent.

CYNICAL SOVIET ACCUSATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

"The Finnish reactionaries want to extend Finland's frontiers up to the Urals."

Such is one of the cynically untrue accusations contained in the Soviet press, which also alleges that Finland is not paying due consideration to the fact that "she owes her independence to the Bolshevik revolution."—Havas.

BOTTLE ATTACK IN WANCHAI

Whilst walking in Luard Road, Wanchai, yesterday, Chan Chi, 37, was hit over the head with a bottle of caustic soda.

Chan, suffering from burns to the face and body was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The attacker, who has not been identified, escaped.

PATROL ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day. Last night's French war communique stated: "There was local activity by patrols." — Reuter.

POPPY DAY FUND

Previously acknowledged \$16,882.80; St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon \$84.11; Klungchow Collections N. C. \$80; \$28.44; Street Sales, Kowloon \$2,458.98; Royal Artillery \$22.00; Additional

NO MORE TALK OF PEACE, SAYS NAZI PUNDIT

London, To-day.

GERMANY HAS DECIDED to fight until British supremacy in the world is destroyed, an "authoritative source in Berlin" is reported as saying in an interview with an American correspondent.

It was no longer a question of German peace promises, declared this Nazi pundit. The question might be raised in Paris or London, but not in Berlin.

"Explaining" why Germany was not attacking at the moment, the speaker said that the world suspected that Germany must attack to keep up the morale of the German people. It was suggested that Germany must attack in the south-east because Joachim von Ribbentrop needed a success to place before Hitler.

This was not true. Germany was not afraid to attack, but her military will choose the time and will not be goaded into it.—Reuter.

"NO COMPROMISE"

London, To-day.

The British Press yesterday concerned itself chiefly with the speech of Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, and the visit of M. Reynaud, French Minister of Finance, to England.

The "Daily Telegraph" stresses Mr. Menzies' remark that no compromise can assure the world of enduring peace. It points out that it is a pity that the German people cannot hear Mr. Menzies, as they would then lose their Goebbel-dream that the British Empire will be disrupted by the clash of arms.

WAR OF ENDURANCE

If they did hear it, they would know that the Australian Government and people and no less the other parts of the Empire possessed the same spirit as Great Britain, against whom the fury of the Nazis is primarily directed.

"The Times" stresses that this war will ultimately be a war of endurance. In the economic field, there was no limit to the assistance given by Australia and the other Dominions.

ECONOMIC WEAPONS

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Allies' economic weapons are increasing rapidly. M. Reynaud's visit had served to establish even closer contact between the British and French Treasuries.

Thus, we have obtained what was hardly the case from 1914 to 1918—unity of the financial policy of the Allies. The paper pays a tribute to M. Reynaud and his part in the financial recovery of France. Britain and France had a greater gold reserve capable of conversion to American exchange than was the case in 1914, and their national plans were based on the idea of paying as much as possible for the war by taxation and at the same time preserving or even replenishing their economic stability.

Germany, on the other hand, had an empty treasury and an emaciated economy. — Reuter.

TROOPS IN INDIA AMBUSHED

New Delhi, To-day.

In a skirmish near Rajmah, three British soldiers and a Gurkha officer of a road patrol were killed.

In addition, 10 British soldiers and two Gurkhas were wounded.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Street Sales \$66.00; Total \$19,502.31.

GOEBBELS' OFFENSIVE NOISES

London, To-day.

Lord Stanhope (Lord President of the Council) read a statement in the House of Lords yesterday similar to that by Sir John Simon in the House of Commons.

The Labour Peer, Lord Snell, declared: "Most of the noise hitherto has come from Dr. Goebbels (the Nazi Propaganda Minister)."

"It is a noise which the world knows can be offensive without being enlightening or helpful."

"If this attitude suits the German authorities it suits us."

"Meanwhile we are prepared to meet with fortitude whatever is coming to us and are ready to consider any peace proposals which will enable the world to live in untroubled peace."

FULL CO-OPERATING

"We are able to assure the German people that their territory will be respected, that as soon as possible the blockade will be removed and that as soon as Germany has accepted the way of peace our full co-operation will be given in trying to rebuild her shattered life."—Reuter.

LONG TERMS FOR BANISHEES

Mok Pau and Chan Yan were each sentenced to three years hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal sessions this morning for breach of the deportation ordinance.

Mok Yai was banished for life from Singapore in 1933 and in 1936 was banished for life from Hong Kong.

Mr. J. Prentis said that both were life banishees from Singapore and were serving a term of six months' imprisonment here for breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

When the victim did not hand her money over quick enough, second defendant stabbed in the arm.

SOVIET THREATS LEAVE FINLAND UNDISMAYED

Helsingfors, To-day.

ANOTHER REFUTATION of Soviet claims that Finland cannot long bear the cost of her mobilization was given in a statement issued yesterday by the governor of the Bank of Finland.

Reports of Finnish inflation were quite untrue, he said. The Government had not borrowed a single penny from the Bank of Finland. Finland could go on producing enough to fulfil her own requirements and at the same time to maintain her exports.

To-day, her export trade was 90 per cent of its pre-war level. Finland's greatest advantages were her unlimited credit and the good-will of the world.

The previous evening, M. Passikivi revealed that Finland's trade with Soviet Russia depended only to the extent of two per cent.—Reuter.

FINLAND TO MAINTAIN DEFENCE PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The "Zuercher Zeitung" reports from Helsinki that the Finnish Government has decided to maintain the present defence measures throughout the European war whatever the result of the present talks with Russia.

The present effectives will only be reduced when fortification work is complete.

It is authoritatively stated that the very sound state of the country's finances renders such an effort possible. It is pointed out that the Finnish

SOVIET ACCUSATIONS CONTINUE

Moscow, To-day.

The Moscow press and wireless continues its attacks on Finland.

A few hours after the Finnish delegation had returned to Helsingfors, the Moscow wireless accused Finland's rulers of adopting an anti-Soviet attitude with Britain's support.

The Moscow press alleges that the Finnish army and press have been instructed to incite the Russians.—Reuter.

FINLAND ABLE TO GET LOANS IN U.S.

Observers stress that the American financial market is open to Finland who has paid all her War Debt instalments to the United States and thus does not come under the provisions of the Johnson Act, which forbids credits to countries defaulting on debts to the U.S. — Havas.

CONTINUOUS GUERILLA WARFARE IN POLAND: NAZIS RETALIATE IN VAIN

London, To-day.
THE DIPLOMATIC Correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" reports a continuation of revolts in Poland, where, he says, the Poles are waging continuous and effective guerilla warfare.

Fierce attacks are launched against the Germans at night by the hidden Poles, who remain under cover in the daytime. At night, they attack German soldiers and officers.

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOME TAX ISSUES

Sir,—Surely it is significant that the greater part of the outcry against Income Tax has come from the very prosperous of the Colony.

We are told, and we accept, that war demands the conscription of human beings. Men of military age are called to the colours. Those of us with grown sons must send them to the battlefields and, if they are killed, recognise the inevitability of the sacrifice.

If the effort for victory is worth this price, surely there is no room among Englishmen for wails and protests against a little extra taxation. Why should money have rights above those of life? If life can be conscripted, why not capital?

An examination of the arguments against Income Tax shows that they boil down to one thing: "Tax everybody or anybody, but don't, God forbid, tax me." It also reveals the fact that those who shout the loudest are the ones who have the least right to do so.

Yours, etc.

M.A.C.

FLIGHT OF CAPITAL ?

Sir, — I still have an open mind in this argument about income tax, but it seems to be that the opposition is getting desperate, and over-stating its case.

The honourable Mr. Li Tse-fong, in the Legislative Council yesterday, for instance, said that a million dollars in Chinese Notes had been shipped from Hong Kong daily recently, and allowed the impression that this represented a flight of capital.

Actually, of course, it is a simple banking operation, speeded up by the rise in the value of Chinese Notes in Shanghai. The notes are not legal tender in Hong Kong and could not be spent here. It is probable, however, that they represent money spent here.

Assuming 200,000 refugees came here from Shanghai bringing an average of \$200 apiece in Shanghai money, the banks would in process of time exchange this for H.K. currency and would have in their vaults as a result some \$40,000,000 in Shanghai currency. What more favourable opportunity than now for the banks to send the Notes back where they belong.

So, too, in Mr. Li Tse-fong's passing reference to the appreciation of the Shanghai dollar, which he spoke of as a depreciation of the Hong Kong dollar, and tried to urge as an unfavourable development. Is it not the truth that the Shanghai dollar has appreciated in relation to all other foreign currencies and can it be suggested, for one moment, that a rise in the external value of the Chinese National Currency can be other than

At one time, they left the bodies in the streets, where they lay, but the Germans retaliated by taking reprisals against those in the neighbouring houses. To-day, the bodies of the victims are taken away and concealed.

In the Carpathians in particular, the Poles have a genius for conspiratorial and revolutionary work.

The national spirit of Poland is not broken and the German Army and the Storm Troopers suffer considerable casualties.

German soldiers do not dare to go out alone even in the daytime.—
Reuter.

LETTER'S TWO MILES IN 14 DAYS

Despite denials by Post Office spokesmen that there is undue delay in postal services, instances accumulate of cases where letters and parcels have taken an extraordinary time to travel short distances.

An outstanding example is that of a letter delivered at a West End club a fortnight after had been posted in the City of London, two miles away. In another instance a letter took 23 days to get from "somewhere in Surrey" to Chelsea. A third case comes from a correspondent whose letter to a friend in the Midlands arrived a month later.

FEWER VANS IN USE

The official reply of the G.P.O. is that the service has been slowed down, and the reasons put forward include:

Owing to the black-out, and to shortage of staff due to men joining up, mail collections and deliveries have been cut down;

Last collections are several hours earlier than formerly;

Rail services have been restricted and trains are slower;

Petrol rationing curtails the use of mail vans.

The G.P.O. accepts no responsibility for delays in the receipt of letters from abroad.

An official pointed out that with the closing of the Mediterranean to our shipping, posts take a roundabout route; that air mails are cut down, and the incoming letters may be delayed by the censorship in London.

beneficial to the trade of this Colony?

NOT TOO GULLIBLE.

STREET SLEEPERS

Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will allow me to advise those interested in our work that our Annual General meeting on Tuesday will take place at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 6.30 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m. and that the Chairman and members of the Executive Committee will be "At Home" to Volunteers and helpers at 5.30 p.m. instead of 4.45 p.m.

These changes in time have been necessary because of the tea party in honour of the Right Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall, which is taking place the same day.

HON. SECRETARY.

ONCE LOST £100,000 IN SIX WEEKS

Exeter, Oct. 31.

John Hugh Rowan is a gambler in a Big Way. On nearly every race-course in the country he is known as a gambler. A gambler against the Book.

He is not so well known as another sort of gambler. A gambler against the Law.

But the Law told that story in Exeter to-day.

Silver-haired now is John Hugh Rowan. Seventy-one years old. He was young when he first came into money. He was in Australia, where he was born, then.

Thirty-nine years ago he arrived in England—and began to gamble.

AGAINST THE BOOK he had successes and failures.

He bet 10s. at a time, to begin with. But within a few years he was betting in thousands.

Once he lost £20,000 on one bet; once he made £12,000 on one bet.

He won the £12,000 in April 1937 at Newmarket, a week or so before he paid £15,000 losses on one day at Epsom.

That £15,000 brought his total losses for six weeks to £100,000.

John Hugh Rowan paid—with notes.

AGAINST THE LAW he had successes and failures.

So it was alleged to-day at Devon Assizes.

There he was accused of obtaining £10,000 by false pretences from Howard Watson Symington at Torquay last March.

And it was said that he had been under police notice for many years

NEW MINISTRY IN ASSAM

Shillong, To-day.

It is officially announced that Sir Muhammad Saadulla, former Premier and leader of the opposition in the Assam Legislative Assembly, has agreed to form a new Ministry.

The Congress Ministry, it will be recalled, resigned owing to opposition to the British plans for India's Constitution.—Reuter.

ORDER THAT ENRAGED GERMAN OFFICERS

A special correspondent of a Copenhagen newspaper who has returned from Warsaw reports that the German troops who thought they would be going home after the conquest of Poland were very disappointed to learn that they were being transferred to the more dangerous Western front.

Officers were furious at having to retire before the Russians and were unable to believe the orders they received from headquarters. One officer said the Polish campaign was "not a war, but a 'strafe' expedition."

as an expert confidence trickster. A number of complaints had been made about him, but people had declined to prosecute because they feared publicity.

He had been twice convicted, in 1903 and in 1926. He once lived in luxury in the West End of London, and was known as a gambler who always paid.

The defence handed to the judge a photograph of a "Daily Express" cutting telling how he lost that £100,000 in six weeks and paid.

After hearing details of the £10,000 fraud the judge said: "But for young age I should have sent you to penal servitude for the maximum term which the law allows."

John Hugh Rowan pays again—with eighteen months' imprisonment.

WAR OBJECTIVES OF THE ALLIES: RESTATEMENT PLEA IN U.S.

VOICES CONTINUE to be raised in the American Press and in Congress urging a restatement of the Allies war objectives. Many of these expressions of opinion come from persons friendly to the Allied cause.

Three main reasons are advanced to support this view. The first is that such a step would demonstrate the close identity of the Allied war aims with the peace aims of the United States. The statement, it is suggested, could be phrased in words almost identical with those used by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and President Roosevelt on various occasions during the past year.

The second reason is that it would shift the onus for continued hostilities on to Hitler's shoulders; the third that it would prevent arguments being used by Anglophobe Congressmen that the war is being fought for imperialistic purposes or because of power politics.

The President, while being urged to keep an open mind as to the possibility of playing the part of mediator, is also being cautioned not to fall into a trap or agree to pull Hitler's chestnuts out of the fire.

INTERVENTION IMPOSSIBLE

Outside certain political circles in Washington there is practically no support for the suggestion that Mr.

Roosevelt might usefully intervene at this stage. Few people in this country believe that terms can as yet be obtained from Germany which would satisfy any of the Allies' demands.

Many Americans are undoubtedly puzzled by the quiet on the Western Front.

As Mr. Arthur Krock, chief Washington correspondent of the "New York Times," wrote: "There is a feeling here, which will persist until Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier wholly dispel it, that the suspended state of the hostilities means that something is working in a direction opposite to that taken by the Allies' oratory."

On the other hand it is widely recognised that the Allies have everything to gain by exercising extreme caution. Official circles approve the wisdom of exerting a slow unexciting economic pressure on Germany.

Mr. Walter Lipmann, in the "Herald-Tribune," maintains that a definite possibility for the Allies is inaction, with Hitler "blockaded, besieged, politically encircled and morally isolated."

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Another picture taken at the First Battery Dinner.



A section of those who attended the First Battery Dinner at Volunteer Headquarters.



A line-out in the Army "A" vs. Navy "A" Rugby match on Saturday.

ITALIAN WARNING TO SOVIET

Rome, To-day.
Italy will remain in a state of armed peace until her legitimate interests are respected and can be satisfied, states the newspaper "Tribuna," explaining Signor Mussolini's "keep your arms beside your books" speech to students in Rome.

The "Gazetta del Popolo," in a leading article, gives an idea of the circumstances in which Italy will feel called on to intervene.

The writer says: "Italy can never permit Bolshevik Russia to advance further beyond the Carpathians into the Danube Valley, or in the Balkans towards the Mediterranean." — Reuter.

SHELL TANKER SUNK BY COMMERCE RAIDER INSIDE PORTUGUESE WATERS

Capetown, To-day.
IT IS OFFICIALLY announced that the British steamer Scala Shell (3,585 tons) was sunk by a German raider inside Portuguese territorial waters yesterday.

The sinking took place 180 miles north-east of Lourenco Marques.

It is reported that the crew were allowed to land but the captain was taken prisoner.

No exact information is available as to the identity of the raider.

Durban reports suggest it is a 10,000 ton warship, possibly an armed merchantman. Rumours that it is a pocket-battleship are authoritatively discounted.

The pilot of an aeroplane arriving at Lourenco Marques yesterday from the north reported seeing a steamer sinking 200 miles north of Lourenco Marques.

He also saw two lifeboats on the beach surrounded by a number of men, who are presumed to have been the crew of the Scala Shell.

MESSAGE DROPPED

The pilot dropped a message to an administrative post and later saw people leave in the direction of the ship.—Reuter.

The Scala Shell is owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd., and was built in 1902.

CAPTAIN TAKEN PRISONER

Latest messages from Durban reveal that the crew of the Scala Shell were permitted to land before the tanker was shelled by the raider and sunk.

The master of the vessel was, however, taken on board the raider, and is presumably held as a prisoner. — Reuter.

MOPPING-UP IN SHANSI

Hingtsi, To-day.
The Chinese are engaged in "mopping up" operations against remnant Japanese around Sianing.

The Japanese are retreating in two columns, one towards Nankang, south of Sianing, and the other towards the east. Both have suffered further losses as a result of Chinese ambushes.—Central News.

SHA-NG-CHUNG BOMBING VICTIMS

Suffering from bomb-splinter wounds, three Chinese were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. The men, Yun Fong, 31, Yun Hei, 37, and Yuen Chung, 55, were wounded during the Japanese air-raid on Sha-ng-chung on Wednesday.

SOVIET INVITATION TO TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
The "Daily Herald" reports that Moscow has proposed to Turkey the resumption of the negotiations which were broken off several weeks ago with the departure from Moscow of M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister.—Havas.

FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR NEW H.K. AIR SERVICE

London, To-day.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S proposals for an air service between Akyad or Rangoon and Kunming, with an extension to Hong Kong and Shanghai "as soon as conditions permit," have been accepted by the British Government according to an exchange of Notes dated January and only published last night.

The arrangement will remain in force for five years.

Under the Chinese scheme British and Chinese companies will both operate the route, but the British Government undertakes, after the cessation of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, to discuss with the Chinese Government the desirability of forming a Sino-British company to further develop the route and eventually to take over operation of the services from the companies concerned. — Reuter.

HITLER'S HEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"Hitler has an immediate desire to negotiate," says Madame Tabouis, the noted political commentator, writing in "l'Oeuvre."

She adds: "But the German Note to the Netherlands and Belgium may be summed up in one sentence — the height of hypocrisy."

"Germany is indignant at the Allies' answer because she wants to negotiate first and see what happens afterwards." — Havas.

SHA-NG-CHUNG AGAIN BOMBED YESTERDAY

More than 10 persons were killed and wounded yesterday morning in a further Japanese air-raid on Sha-ng-chung and Chai-chung, Mrs. Bay. The aircraft flew very low. Four bombs dropped near the damaged Customs Station.

TURNING POINT IN HISTORY

London, To-day.

General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, speaking at a Foreign Press Association luncheon yesterday, said a turning point in history had been reached.

Mankind must choose between the two forms of collective existence now fighting for supremacy—one which found expression in the British Commonwealth of Nations, the French Empire and the United States, the other which was seen in the occupation of Austria and Czechoslovakia and the double invasion of Poland.

Poland and her people, like their new government, had made their choice. Every Pole knew that a free Poland could exist only in a free and united Europe.

He referred to the co-operation of the Polish destroyers with the great British Navy and declared that the Polish Air Force and Polish Army would be ready within a few months to play their part at the side of the Allied forces.—Reuter.

HITLER WANTS PEACE AT HIS OWN PRICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Although infuriated by the British and French answers to the Belgo-Dutch peace proposal, Herr Hitler is still seeking to negotiate on his own basis, is the opinion expressed by the French press.—Havas.

A report from Chungking states that the Chinese Central Movie Film Production Company have completed plans to produce a screen version of "The Secret Agent of Japan."

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

NO USE TALKING

Unless Americans (or any others) can see the China Affair in that light, no amount of pinpricking protests will bring about satisfaction to anybody. Until the other side - psychologically changes its attitude, there will be no use of talking about understanding because it is for them to understand us.—"Japan Times."

PROVED RIGHT

More serious is the demand for the cession of Petsamo, Finland's only port on the Arctic Ocean. This would be especially hard since Petsamo was ceded to Finland by a kinder Soviet Government in 1920—all the more so since Russia has the fine harbour of Murmansk close by. But here again there are the seeds of wider trouble, for if Finland lost her narrow outlet to the Arctic Ocean Norway would have a common frontier with the Soviet Union—a

prospect she will not relish. Finland is only a small country with a small population; against the might of Russia she is helpless. But in the twenty years of their independence the Finns have proved their right to national independence by many achievements. (Those who know no other will surely recognise the names of Sibelius and Nurmii). One hopes that Soviet Russia will prove generous in recognising these facts, but if not the Finns will deserve (as they will need) all the support and sympathy they can get.—"Manchester Guardian."

PRESSURE ON FINLAND

Russia suffered her first serious setback in the current European mix-up when she overplayed her hand in dealing with Turkey. It looks very much as if the same blunder may be committed—possibly already has been committed—in dealing with Finland.

When the demands on Turkey were made so excessive that sentiment in the whole Balkan-Black Sea area was crystallised against Russia the democratic allies' position was materially improved.

In the same way there is a prospect of a similar turn of events in the Baltic-Black Sea area by over-pressure on Finland.

All indications are that Russia does not intend to fight, but is out to get all that is loose and to be had by opportune bluffing. The turn-down from Turkey has shifted the Russian pressure northward, putting Finland on the spot. Moderation in demands would most probably improve the position of Russia, at least temporarily, but the sweeping success in Poland at the expense of the German aggressors has produced a form of intoxication from which recovery is not easy.—"Manila Bulletin."

HEIGHT OF ABSURDITY

Perusal of his speech, however, shows that Ambassador Grew, in his views cherished as to the current China Affair, has acquired no improvement whatever over those cherished by him previous to his return to America on furlough. If those views of the Ambassador as expressed at the America-Japan Society luncheon really represented the Far Eastern views of his home Government, nothing could be more depicted. The fact is that the talk of construction of a new order in East Asia is already largely a matter of fait accompli. To try to bring this situation back to its former state would be the height of absurdity itself.—"Hochi Shimbun."

BASIS PRINCIPLE

We have Ambassador Grew criticising Japan's attitude of pointing out the too much legalistic attitude of the United States. Mr. Grew, however, averred that this is the important basic principle of American foreign policy. Perhaps this may be the conviction of the American nation as a whole. If such "have" nations as the United States and Britain could long keep all the other nations of the world under their absolute sway on the strength of mere international treaties, there would be no cause whatever for them to raise any complaints or to file any protests. But the

SAFETY BELT?

It establishes a hazy new zone on the high seas in which we are supposed to enforce a streamlined, dramatic kind of neutrality. The country and the senate must demand full particulars, and through debate come to understanding of the risky possibilities this presents in our international affairs.—Mr. Alfred Landon.

fact that the treaties have not been everything is most eloquently attested to by the fate suffered by the Versailles structure against the inevitable rising influence of the German nation.

America fondly talks of justice and humanity. But her history of advance to Asia is perfectly in line with those of Britain and France who, standing on the footing of the White races' alleged superiority over the Asiatic peoples, have converted this part of the world into their colonies. So long as we are unable to expect from America an improvement of her attitude to an extent that she gets a correct recognition of actual realities in the Far East and approval of Japan's independent stand in this part of the world, it will be quite impossible to gain adjustment of the American-Japanese relations.—"Asahi Shimbun."

PEACE TALK

We are thinking not in terms of revenge for what has been done but in terms of prospects for making a repetition impossible. Actually the aggressors should be punished, but not in the spirit of vengeance. They should be punished in a manner and to an extent that the will for war of aggression is destroyed—for the purpose of establishing the policy of orderly processes and honourable procedure in the relationships between nations.

Where is the hope that peace based on coercion toward the Belgians and the Dutch as defenseless peoples will last longer than it takes to recharge the batteries of the terror-spreading war machines? Is it possible to hope that the Belgians and the Dutch, the Poles and the Czechs, the peoples of the Balkans and the Baltic will be reasonably safe and secure under conditions produced by a peace established on the basis of the present state of affairs? Can honourable peace be made safe?

These questions can be answered in only one way, the pessimistic way, unless the people of Germany have been made to see the error and the wrong of that which they have been led into, unless they have been taught a lesson more emphatically than is yet indicated by the reports coming from their recognized spokesmen. The basis of acceptable peace certainly is not to be found at present on the Dutch and Belgian borders. We should like to hope that it is to be found in the minds of those who led Germany on the path of war making and in the hearts of the people within Germany, but the situation must be different from the revealed picture of it, if such a hope is to find support in realities.—"Manila Bulletin."

INCOME TAX DEBATE

G.O.C. AND GOVERNOR ADDRESS COUNCIL FIRMLY IN FAVOUR OF PROPOSAL

"If income tax is not accepted, it will not add to the reputation of Hong Kong," declared H. E. the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett, amid official applause, at yesterday's meeting of Legislative Council.

Major-General Grasett made one of his rare interventions in Council debates to express himself strongly on the subject of income tax, which, to the end of the Unofficial contribution to the debate, was unanimously opposed.

The General pointed out that if things go wrong for Britain in the war, Hong Kong will be one of the first to suffer.

Concerning the argument that as Hong Kong was of strategic importance, it was therefore justified in asking that the Mother Country to contribute the major portion towards its defence, he declared that Hong Kong was of no strategic importance whatsoever; it was defended solely because it was part of the British Empire.

Income tax was the fairest and most equitable form of raising revenue.

There was in Hong Kong a section of the community which was enjoying a very high and prosperous standard of living.

The burden would fall on that portion of the community, capable of bearing it. He hoped that the Opposition would carefully study the matter.

LOGICAL PROCESS

Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clark, D.M.S. declared that increases in rates, customs, import duties, etc. would bear most heavily on those sections of the community least able to bear them.

From a doctor's point of view, the way it seemed to work to him was that Government worked out the possible minimum sum for food, clothing and housing, deducted allowances for wife, children, education, etc., and from the resultant sum asked for a contribution for the purpose of maintaining or extending essential defences, civil administration and military and essential services.

He reminded listeners that in 1938, when it was proposed to make Canton an infected port because of smallpox and to carry out compulsory vaccination, there was the same opposition as there was now to income tax; the same question of invasion of privacy was raised. Yet both measures were entirely successful. He was sure Hong Kong would accept income tax with that great spirit it had shown in the past.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

His Excellency the Governor, winding up, said:—

All the main points relative to the 1940-41 estimates which have been raised on the unofficial side of the Council during the two days of debate have been answered and in my opinion answered adequately. I have, therefore, nothing to add to those answers but I will renew the undertaking given by the honourable gentleman, the Financial Secretary, on October 12th by reiterating that Government, in putting into effect the approval given by you to those estimates, will keep a close watch upon the revenue and will govern its expenditure both on public works and in respect of the filling of new appointments in accordance with the financial outlook from time to time.

The subject which has occupied almost the whole of the debate, however, is not reflected in the estimates. On October 12th in my address I outlined to the Council a proposal for a war-budget, on the expenditure side of which the largest item would be Hong Kong's contribution to the resources of His Majesty's Government for the successful conduct of the life and death struggle in which Great

Britain is engaged. I say Great Britain; but I have no doubt that honourable members realise that Hong Kong's future is as deeply concerned with the outcome of that struggle as is the United Kingdom itself. I suggested that that contribution might have two objectives, firstly to cover our expenditure on local defence and other expenditure caused by the war, and secondly to provide, according to our means, a free gift to His Majesty's Government in aid of the prosecution of the war against Germany. I also suggested that that gift might consist either of cash or kind or both.

INCOME TAX BEST

In setting that idea before the Council I had in mind, as I have firmly still, the thought that it is the duty of this Colony to help to bear the Empire's burden to the utmost of its power, even though that utmost would be, monetarily speaking, as insignificant as was the Widow's Mite; and, secondly, I considered, as I personally still consider, that an income tax was the best means of collecting that contribution. As the honourable the Financial Secretary has said, when that proposal was made public we were not without good reason for believing that an income tax levied for the purposes which I have mentioned would be accepted generally by the people of the Colony as appropriate at this juncture.

I could not, if I would, add anything of value to the masterly reply which the honourable Mr. Caine has made to the principal objections which have been raised to the introduction of income tax: he has shown that some of the apprehensions which the announcement of Government's proposals has roused have been unduly magnified and that others have no foundation in fact.

I feel quite sure that most, if not all, of the opposing arguments adduced here have found voice in every country where income tax has been mooted.

So far as administrative difficulties are concerned, I have it on the authority of the Secretary of State that we should not be deterred by fears on that ground, for experience has shown in many Colonies that these can be successfully overcome; and it may be of interest to members to know that, apart from the Dominions, income tax is already part of the financial structure of fifteen British Colonies, while several others contemplate its introduction.

THE AMOUNT

But although I do not propose to add to or to reiterate the points made by the honourable the Financial Secretary, there are one or two aspects of the matter on which I have a word to say. Firstly as to the amount that the Colony should contribute, for I note that every member here supports in one degree or another the making of such a contribution. In this connection I wish to dispose of an apparently widespread delusion that Government has determined to raise a war budget revenue of \$10,000,000 per annum or of any other pre-determined sum. No such statement has ever been made by a Government officer; presumably the error took its rise from too hasty a reading of a few paragraphs of the honourable the Financial Secretary's speech in this Council on October 12th, which appear on page 143 of this year's records.

As he made clear in mentioning that figure, it was no more than a guess-

work estimate by the Taxation Committee of what might be the outcome of a two-shilling income tax, and that guess included, of course, the large amount which would have been transferred from the Home Government income tax revenue to the Hong Kong Treasury. Two shillings was regarded by Government as a reasonable standard rate for an income tax here, should one be imposed, and so it came about that the ten million figure was mentioned.

AWAIT DECISION

I recognise the motive which has prompted the honourable and learned member, Sir Henry Pollock, to propose the very handsome sum of three million dollars as a maximum for the Colony's contribution; but, in the absence of any real information about the Colony's aggregate income and until the means of raising the contribution have been settled, I think it wiser at this stage to leave the question of amount at the honourable Mr. Lo's definition, which he expressed as follows:—

"As we are all agreed that the Colony should make the best contribution of which it is capable, the problem confronting this Council resolves itself to one of finding the best means of raising the money."

While on this subject I would observe that there has been an assumption in several quarters that Government's intention has been that Hong Kong's contribution to His Majesty's Government would necessarily take the form of a monetary gift sent from here to London. Such is not the case and I take such blame as the false impression deserves for not being more specific in my first utterance on the subject. Rather, what I had in mind—and similar suggestions have appeared in the local press—was the construction at our expense and in our yards of vessels for the Royal Navy, such as mine-sweepers, one or two of which would make a very valuable addition to our defences here and others, no doubt, could usefully be employed elsewhere; alternatively, our contribution might be towards the Royal Air Force.

COMPLEX QUESTION

Secondly, as to the method of obtaining funds for our purpose.

I frankly confess to surprise that so many members of this Council

WAR'S GRIM HUMOUR

London, To-day.

Field-Marshal Goering's factories are to help shoot down Field-Marshal Goering's air force!

A British firm which used to make gramophones and wireless sets planned shortly before war started to make predictors used for getting the range for anti-aircraft guns.

Special machinery was required and the search eventually led to German factories for this machinery, which is now manufacturing the predictors which will be used by Britain's anti-aircraft defences.—Reuter.

and responsible bodies outside the Council should have been ready to express themselves so definitely on this very complex question of income tax not only in the face of the findings of an expert committee but even without waiting to see the Government's actual proposals in detail or hearing any exposition of the case.

However, that exposition has now been given, and given by one who is master of his subject; and there is more over, no vote to be cast on the issue at the present time, so no boats have been burned as yet.

I have said that I would not go over the ground trodden by the honourable the Financial Secretary and I do not wish to elaborate the case for income tax to-day; but I wish to make two or three points in connection with the proposals outlined by myself on October 12th. The first I have made already. What Government has in contemplation is a free gift to His Majesty's Government while engaged in a life and death struggle: it would be utterly illogical, to say that least of it, to describe as free a gift wrung from an unwilling community by the use of the official majority in this Council: no such thought has ever entered my mind.

TAXATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT
Doubt has been thrown this afternoon upon the actual conclusion to which the Taxation Committee came in respect of income tax. After detailing the arguments against and for such a measure they reported as follows:—

Our conclusion is that the advantage of an efficiently administered income tax over other forms are overwhelming from the point of view of equity, and that, if it be considered that the tax is capable of successful administration in the Colony, it should be imposed as soon as additional revenue on a substantial scale becomes a necessity. In view, however, of the uncertainty, (Continued on Page 17)



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APOLOGY FOR DARDANUS DETENTION

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE CREW OF THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS PLANE DARDANUS, FORCED DOWN BY THE JAPANESE AT WEICHOW ISLAND AFTER LEAVING HONG KONG, WERE HANDED OVER TO THE BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL AT CANTON ON WEDNESDAY, ANNOUNCED MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ANSWERING A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The local Japanese authorities in Canton had apologised for the detention of the British crew.

Arrangements were being made to repair the aeroplane at Weichow Island, when it will be returned to Imperial Airways.

Mr. Butler added that Sir Robert Craigie, our Ambassador in Tokyo, had made representations to the Japanese Government, and arrangements for an amicable settlement of the affair were now progressing. — Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.
QUESTIONED REGARDING rumours of Soviet-Japanese rapprochement, Mr. Yankichiro Suma, the spokesman of the Tokyo Foreign Office, who arrived in Shanghai yesterday said that the Japanese Government was considering the matter of gradually settling outstanding problems in order to readjust relations between Japan and the Soviet.

He presumed that discussions in this connection took place at Wednesday's interview between the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, and the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, M. Smetanin.

Mr. Suma added it was difficult to state whether or not the present talks would result in a non-aggression pact between the two countries.

The Japanese Government had no definite programme except that it wishes to establish smooth relations with the Soviet. Its policy, however, embodies no changes towards the Comintern.

Mr. Suma was non-committal when asked how the conclusion of such would affect the present Soviet assistance to China, merely stating that the fisheries and border question and other disputed matters were those under consideration.

RELATIONS WITH U.S.
Referring to the future of Japanese-American relations, Mr. Suma, who recently returned from the Embassy in Washington, was convinced there was no desire on the part of the United States Government and people to worsen relations.

Mr. Suma feels confident that they will be improved with the development of the situation in China, which, he intimated, was the main cause of the present conflict of views between America and Japan.

Mr. Suma was amazed at the extent of the Japanese people's desire to improve relations.

Settlement of numerous outstanding complaints by the United States was being gone into thoroughly, but owing to the present situation here, these cannot be effected at a moment's notice.

"VARIOUS DELAYS"
The date of establishing the new "central government of China" was still uncertain.

Mr. Suma admitted there had been various delays, which he attributed to business details, and he added that steady progress was being made.

Because the government was not established on the so-called "deadline" did not mean it was not going to be established.

Minor delays should not be regarded with gravity.

"MILITARY NECESSITY"
There appears to be little likelihood of the Yangtse and Pearl Rivers being reopened in the near future, according to Mr. Suma, who reiterated that the closure is due to "military necessity." — Reuter.

BRITISH ORDERS IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.
The State Department does not confirm reports that British and French orders of American armaments were held up pending a legal interpretation of the cash and carry clause.

What actually happened was that certain Californian firms were told that they would have to show that the bookings really observed the clause before they would be allowed to make shipments. — Reuter.

PRINCE'S GIFTS TO RED CROSS

London, To-day.
Prince Mohamed Ali, a cousin of King Farouk of Egypt, has given £1,000 to the British Red Cross, £550 to the French Red Cross, and £500 to the Turkish Red Crescent. — Reuter.

ENGLISHMAN TO DIG HIS OWN GARDEN

London, To-day.
A campaign to make the Englishman more garden-conscious is being started, under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and various societies.

People will be encouraged to grow their own food.

During the last war, the allotment scheme had hardly begun until 1917, when the U-boats were causing havoc. By 1918, 85,000 allotments were being worked and by 1920, 1,250,000.

This time, it is expected that by next spring there will be 1,500,000 allotments, in addition to 3,500,000 private gardens. — Reuter.

MEXICO OIL VERDICTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mexico, To-day.
The Supreme Court has overruled the appeal from the expropriated companies.

The Court, however, blamed the Mexican State for excesses committed, notably for taking possession of property placed under seal.

The Court also deemed it illegal to place an embargo on the companies' bank accounts. — Havas.

GAMBLING SHARPS

Cheung Hei, 36, sentenced to life imprisonment on a murder charge about 15 years ago, and later released on special pardon, appeared this morning before Mr. E. Himsforth charged with street gambling.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said that Cheung was alleged to have worked with another man and a woman, and persuaded a woman to gamble with them.

They took \$6 from her and absconded.

A fine of \$20, or three weeks, was imposed.

"CAT" FOR ROBBERS

TSANG SANG AND YU SANG, WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO ROBBERY, BEFORE MR. JUSTICE R. E. LINDSELL AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING, WERE SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS HARD LABOUR.

His lordship remarked that they did not use violence other than threats towards their victims.

Wang Sang and Li Shing, on a similar charge were sentenced to three years and, if found fit, to 12 strokes of the "cat."

WOMAN KILLED BY FALL

A fatal accident occurred in a flat at No. 37, Un Chau Street, Shamshui-po, yesterday, when a woman, Lui Yuk-klu, 28, fell from the cockloft and fractured her skull.

CEYLON'S GIFT TO WAR FUND

London, To-day.
A sum of £2,500 has been received by the Lord Mayor's Red Cross fund from the people of Ceylon.

This sum, it was stated, was a "first instalment." — Reuter.



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"FIERCE" INCREASES IN INCOME TAX

DRASTIC INCREASES in taxation were announced by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his emergency War Budget. His proposals included—

Income Tax: Present Budget year 7s. in the pound; next, 7s. 6d. Reductions next year in earned income, marriage, and children's allowances, and further upward revisions in methods of charging on first part of income.

Surtax: New scales ranging from 1s. 3d. at £2,000 to 9s. 6d. over £30,000.

Excess Profits Duty: 60 per cent.

Estate Duty: Increases bringing the maximum rate up to 60 per cent.

Sugar: Increase of 1d. per pound.

Tobacco: 1½d. an ounce.

Beer: 1d. per pint.

Whisky: 1s. 3d. a bottle.

Wines: 2s. a gallon on imported light wines and British wines, and 4s. a gallon on imported heavy wines.

BUTTONS ATTRACT THE GIRLS

Polishing brass buttons was not so bad after all, think modern Tommies who now wear button-less battle dress.

But Tommies to-day would like those buttons back. Girls prefer the soldier who has shining buttons, say the boys of 1939.

Cripps Back To Labour Party?

Sir Stafford Cripps, M. P. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, M. P., Mr. G. R. Strauss, M. P., and others who were associated with them in the Popular Front campaign, will probably be re-admitted to the Labour Party.

The National Executive have told them of the conditions under which they can return to the party.

Peer Who Was

Bank Clerk

Lord Fairfax, who at the time he succeeded to the title was working as a bank-clerk in New York, has died at his home at Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex.

He became a naturalised British subject in 1906, and his title was confirmed by the Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords in 1908.

Mr. Simpson Has

Become A Father

Birth of a son to Mrs. Mary Simpson, wife of Mr. Ernest A. Simpson, formerly husband of the Duchess of Windsor, is announced.

The baby was born at a Sutton, Surrey, nursing home, and at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson it was stated that mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. Simpson, before her marriage in November, 1937, at Brooklawn County Club, Fairfield, Connecticut, was Mrs. Mary Kirk Raffray, and a well-known American society hostess.

The Argentina Chamber approved a bill authorising the Government to expropriate the Province of Buenos Aires Waterworks Company, a British concern, according to a Havana despatch from Buenos Aires.

Sir John Simon said that the payment of these heavily increased taxes would not exhaust the duty of the private citizen. There would be national defence loans on a large scale, to which he should contribute to the greatest extent possible.

The effect of the income tax changes is that assessments for payments due on January 1 will be at a standard rate of 7s. in the pound, and the first £135 of taxable income will be charged at 2s. 4d. in the pound instead of 1s. 8d., as at present. In 1941 the standard rate will be 7s. 6d. in the pound, and the first £160 will be charged at 3s. 9d. The raising of the first part of taxable income to £160 is the one concession made. The reduced allowances, which will not come into effect until next year, will be:

Earned income allowance, now one-fifth, with maximum of £300, to be one-sixth, maximum £250.

Marriage allowance to be £170 instead of £180.

Allowances for children £50 each instead of £60.

Individuals who have suffered salary reductions of 20 per cent or more will be able to substitute this year's actual income for last year's income as the basis of assessment for the payment due in January.

The extra yield expected from income tax is £70,000,000 this year and £146,000,000 in a full year.

The Chancellor has reimposed the Excess Profits Duty of the last war, and it will be at the rate of 60 per cent on profits since March 31 which are over the pre-war standard. N.D.C. will remain as an alternative to the new tax, the amount collected being whichever of the two is the higher.

Estimated yields from other increases are—

	This year.	Full year.
£	£	£
Sugar	8,500,000	18,000,000
Tobacco	8,000,000	16,000,000
Beer	11,000,000	27,000,000
Whisky	2,000,000	3,500,000
Wines	1,000,000	2,000,000

Hard On Frau

Greater men than Hitler have been ruined by the jealousy of women. But the Fuehrer is the first man to try to legislate against it.

According to a broadcast in German from Paris, German women returning to the Reich from Holland—50,000 men and women have been ordered home by Hitler—have been strictly ordered to avoid fashions "which are too Parisian."

This, the broadcast states, is to avoid jealousy and envy.

Carole Lombard, film actress wife of Clark Gable, is stated to be doing well after an appendix operation.



THESE MEN REMEMBER—Sand-bags at the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Soldiers at Richmond must remind the many inmates of the last Great War, in which they fought and were disabled. They are not being moved out of the comparatively safe region of Richmond, but protective measures such as sandbagging are being taken. Photo shows Private Thomas William May (wearing glasses) and Rifleman Harry Butler discussing the situation. (Copyright, Fox).

Say Girls In Slacks 'Disgusting'

Women Conservatives of Richmond, Surrey, think the wearing of slacks by their sex "disgusting." They say war is no excuse for it.

At a meeting of the Town Ward branch of the Association, Mrs. A. Shadwell was applauded when she said: "I think it is disgusting for girls to go about like this, and, what is worse, they insist on showing their toes. If they must dress as men, why not wear the whole outfit, with socks and everything else. If men were seen walking about the streets in women's clothing they would be arrested. It is a pity some of these girls are not taken to task. It is lowering the prestige of British women."

Chivalry Squad

Guard G.P.O. Girls

Anxious for the safety of girl telephone operators in Glasgow's darkened back streets, the G.P.O. has recruited a "Chivalry Squad" from male operators on night work.

The men start work two hours earlier than usual and escort the girls home. Each takes three girls.

The G.P.O. officials are picking their men—men who will steer clear of romance.

"They are almost too chivalrous," an operator said, with a sigh.

Zepp Captain

Gets Big Job

Captain Albert Sammt, commander of the Graf Zeppelin, which "visited" the Scottish coast several times last August, during a North Sea cruise, has been appointed technical adviser of the German Air Ministry.

Reports that he had flown over Scotland were denied in official quarters in Berlin, but admitted by Captain Sammt himself.

He said he went up the Scottish coast towards the Shetlands.

Experts of the Nazi Air Ministry and officers were in the Zeppelin during the flight.

Czech refugees to the number of 206 arrived by boat at Boulogne from Poland and entrained for Paris. Many of them were members of the Czech army, and some still wore parts of their uniforms. There were 13 women and children in the party.

B.B.C. Orchestra Has Joined Army

An anti-aircraft battery formed in Belfast, yesterday found itself the possessor of one of the finest orchestras in the British Isles.

Members of the Northern Ireland B.B.C. Orchestra held a meeting and decided to join up in a body. Their services were accepted immediately.

The orchestra, regarded as the best B.B.C. combination outside London, had for its conductor the well-known Mr. B. Walton O'Donnell, who died six weeks ago.

Their leader is Philip Whiteway, whose ensemble has been frequently heard by listeners.

Last War's Tin Hats

Are Being Used Again

Souvenirs of yesterday—old tin helmets, British and French, kept from the Great War—are being sold for use again to-day.

In London's street markets hundreds have been sold recently.

"They fetch less money now than if they were sold as souvenirs," a market stallholder told the press. "People would pay as much as ten bob for a good helmet to hang on the wall. But when it comes to putting it on their heads, well, 2s. 6d. is the outside."

We Lead In

Television

"There is no country seriously challenging us in television yet—not even the United States; certainly not Germany."

Sir Stephen Tallents, Public Relations Officer of the B.B.C., said this when he opened Radiolympia, 1939, by television.

The Lord Mayor of London Sir Frank Bowater, and Lady Bowater were the guests of honour at a gala performance of "Carmen" at the Zurich Opera House.

Three bandits held up a train near Onarga, Illinois, but were driven off in a gun battle with the train crew, one bandit and one postal official being wounded.

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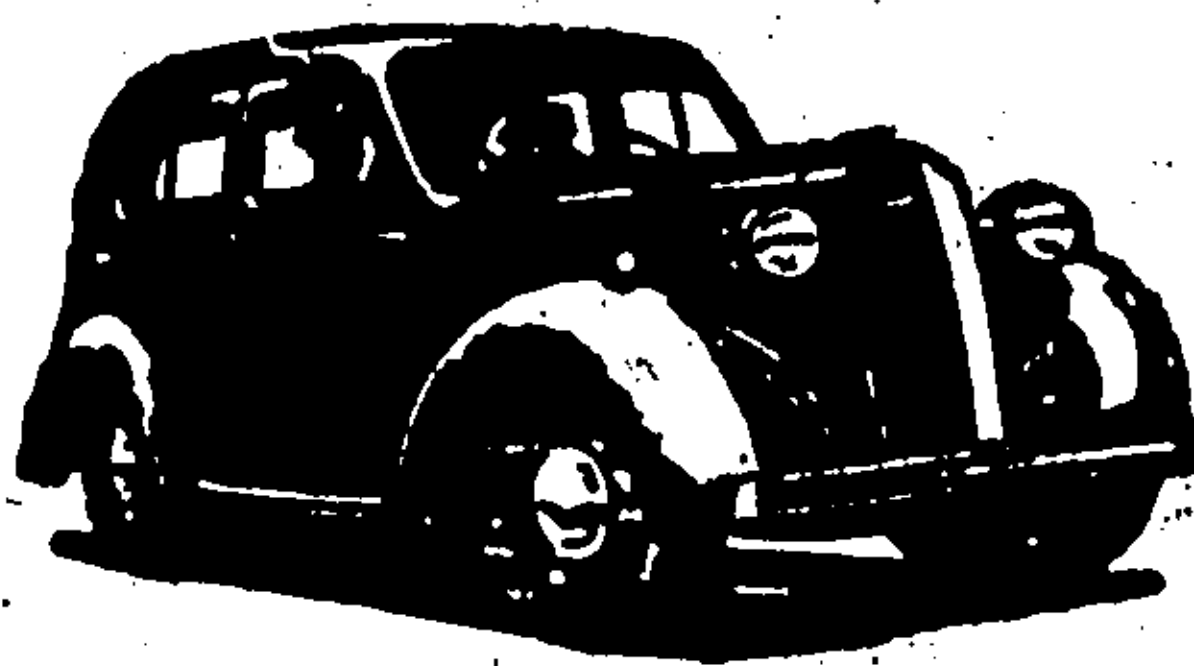
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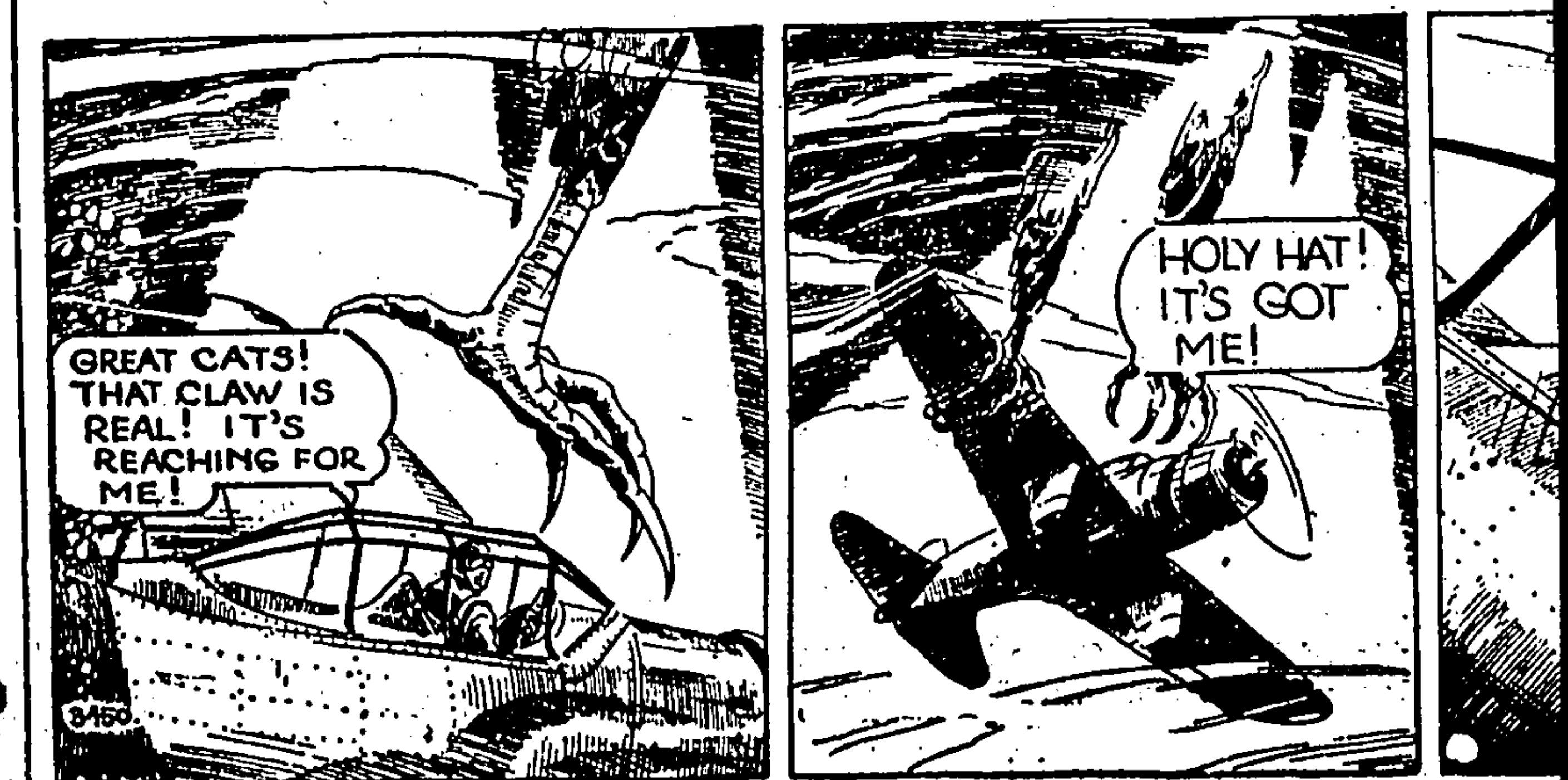
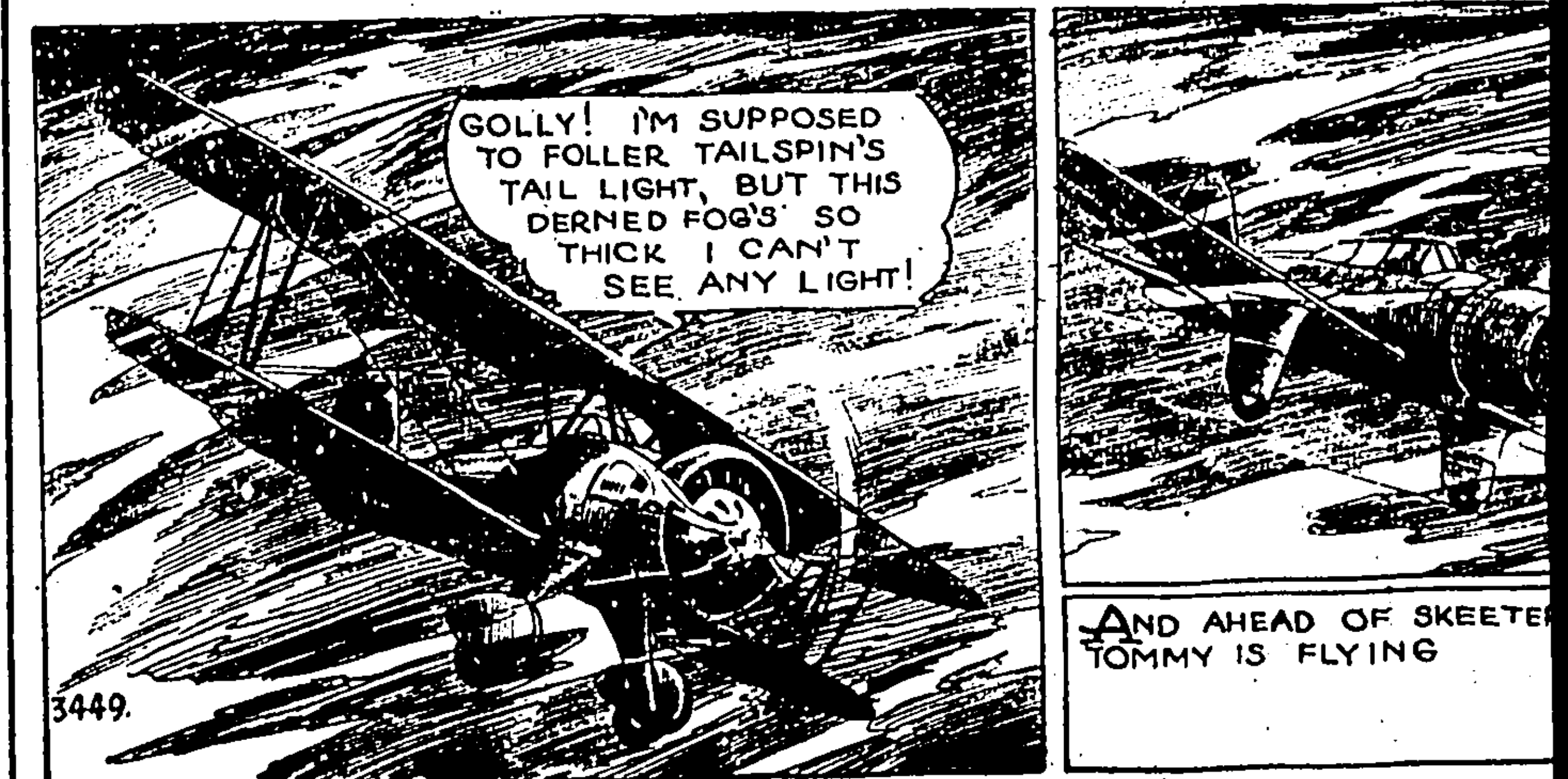
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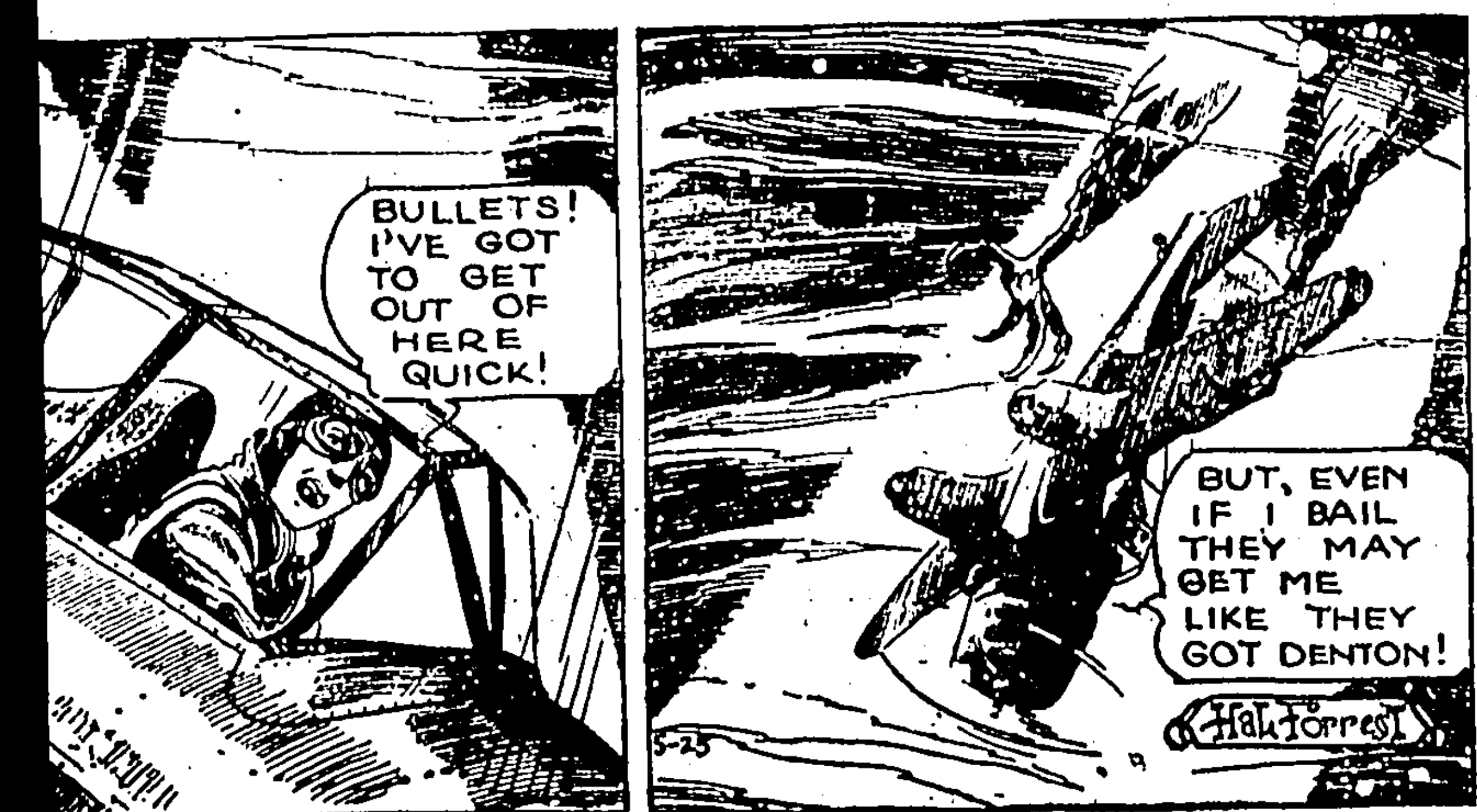
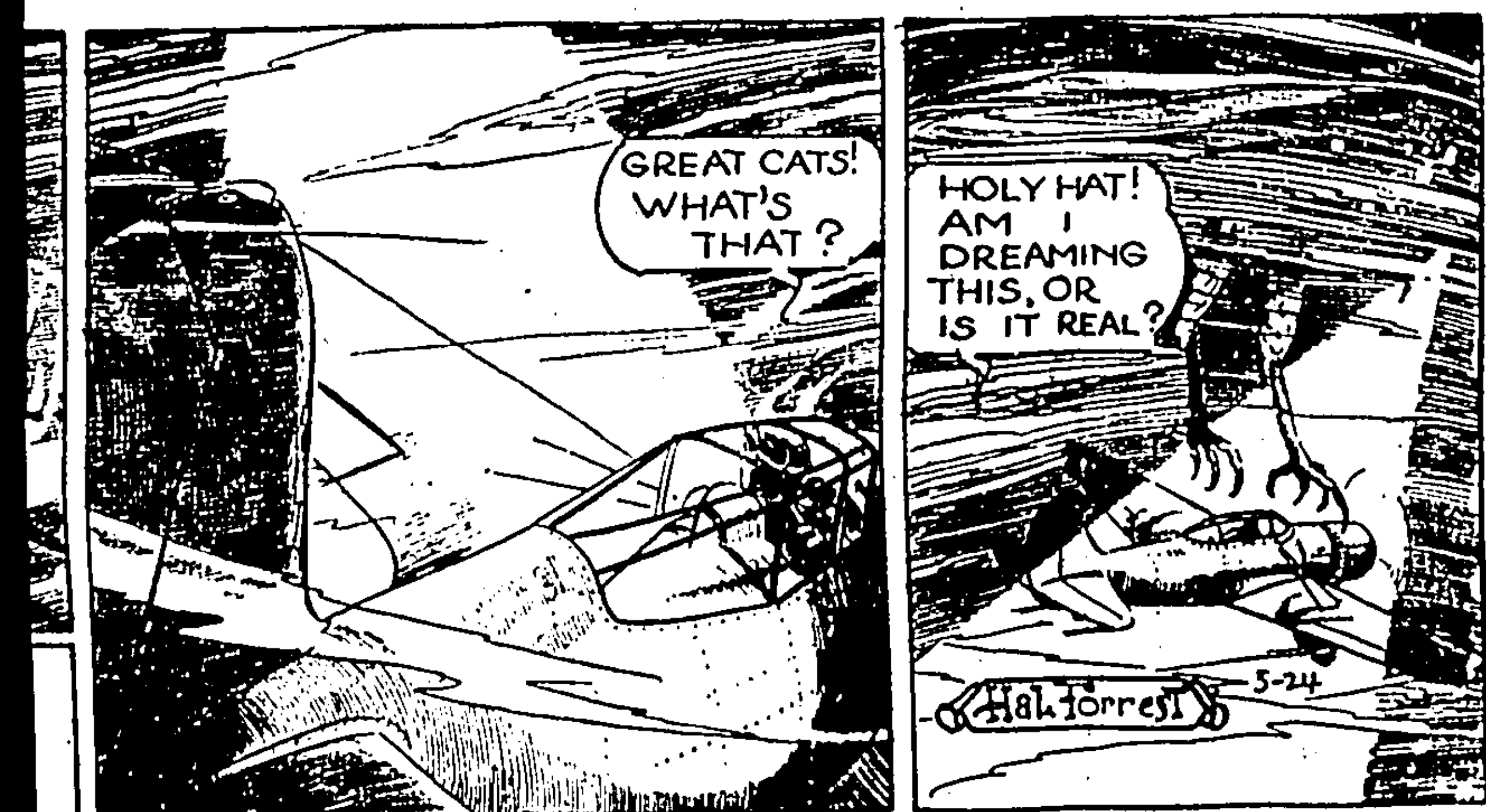


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SHORT STORY

STRANGE REALITY By Barbara Cartland

MARY MARVEL stared out of the roughly made window and watched the moon rise slowly over the rugged mountain tops which completely encircled the tiny town of Rowanduz.

It was spring and the barren country of grey rocks and impenetrable peaks had been transformed by the April sunshine which had swept away the severity of a long winter.

Above the dark walls of the mighty chasms, there was still white snow to be seen silhouetted in the day time against a brilliant cloudless sky; but flowers of every colour had burst forth among the grass and every inaccessible ledge at the side of a gorge had become vivid with scarlet tulips, blue irises, wild orchids and purple violets.

A land of great beauty, had transformed now under the silver light of the moon into a land of mystery and romance.

But Mary's eyes held no delight, and her mouth, whose smiles had delighted millions of people all over the world, drooped at the corners.

This country, the like of which she had never seen before, filled her with strange longings and with unappeased desires. She had wanted so much to come here. In fact, she had insisted. In Hollywood they had tried to dissuade her. It would be possible to 'shoot' the picture without the main actors and actresses leaving the studios, but Mary, who usually agreed with whatever was arranged for her, surprised the company, her manager and her fellow actors by refusing the usual procedure.

"It is a great scenario," she said, "and it will be a great film. I will do it properly or not at all."

That she got her own way was inevitable. Mary Marvel was Hollywood's newest find and was already looked upon as a goldmine from the box office point of view.

Her enemies and critics, of course, said that this was a clever press stunt.

Kurdistan was a strange, practically unknown country from the tourist's point of view. That the most glamorous film star of the moment should choose to bury herself there for two or perhaps three months, whilst the picture was being made, was ridiculous, unless she had some ulterior motive—such as a gigantic publicity stunt.

But Mary Marvel had all the publicity she wanted and a great deal more, and her reasons for insisting that she, personally, should be taken to the mountains of Kurdistan were personal and secret ones which she revealed to no one.

None of her so-called friends or any of those closely associated with her in the unreal world of Hollywood were aware that under the glamorous, radiant outward appearance of Mary Marvel lived an idealist and a dreamer.

The real Mary, whose name had once been Hodgekins and who had been brought up in the wilds of a little Yorkshire village, was as unknown to Hollywood as Hollywood was to Kurdistan.

No one would have believed her had she told them that what that real Mary wanted more than anything in the world was "to live"; to know life as it really was; to come near to the truth and face to face with reality! She was surrounded by a life of illusion, and felt that she too was becoming as unreal, as shallow and shadowy, as her background. How could she help it? She must give the public what they wanted and what they desired. Yet somehow this trip—which was to make a film of the building of the road from Damascus to Teheran, the great road which had opened up Turkey and Persia to the West and joined the Mediterranean to the Caspian Sea—seemed to Mary to open a way also for her into a new life of which she knew nothing.

But she was disappointed. When

eventually they had arrived over the mountain passes to Rowanduz, she had felt that here at last was something new, something thrilling. Surely the strangest town in the world. Rowanduz was built on a flat platform of rock lying between two mighty chasms. There was the old caravan track leading through the bazaar, the river winding like a snake below the town, and above it loomed a massive fort built by Kor Pasha, the blind ruler of Kurdistan over a century ago.

But after a month of living primitively in the crude and simple buildings of the town, of working in the brilliant, blinding sunlight, of rising when the mists still hid the peaks of the mountains and of retiring to bed long before the bazaar lights were extinguished or the chatter of Kurdish voices ceased, Mary knew she had come to Kurdistan but brought the chains of Hollywood with her. Her life was much the same. There were the same insincere gushingly affectionate people around her, the same studio quarrels, the same temperamental differences between the actors. The producer would curse, the camera men grumble, the make-up women come yawning to their morning tasks. Nothing was changed, nothing altered. Mary had travelled thousands of miles for nothing.

Besides the monotony, even her few leisure moments were restricted. The company had been warned by a representative of Iraq Government that there was social unrest and that no women should be allowed out unaccompanied: they added that it was inadvisable for any of the party to stray too far from the town.

The company had not long to wait before an explanation of these instructions was forthcoming, for in Rowanduz no one talked of anything else save the rising of Yucu Kirkuk. Ever since the termination of the British mandate in Kurdistan, there had been dissatisfaction amongst the Assyrians who form a small but important part of the population.

The Assyrians had fought bravely for the Allies in the Great War. They had left their homes in the wild Hakkari mountains and had fought their way to the side of the Russian Army, doing much to weaken the Turkish resistance in Mesopotamia.

After the war was over, the Arabs were awarded by a kingdom, while the Kurds were freed from oppression and were at peace for the first time for centuries.

Only the Assyrians were left unrewarded; and, disbanded, found themselves a nation without a country.

With great tradition behind them, with a history so steeped in the midst of antiquity that it has never yet been revealed or written, it was inevitable that sooner or later there should come in time a leader and a saviour.

Yucu Kirkuk came from one of the great patrician families. There were many tales told about him; some too fantastic to be credible, others wild and adventurous enough to thrill the minds and swell the hearts of the simple peasants.

Mary heard of his great height, of his powerful physique, which he loved to display by long journeys on horseback and by difficult feats of mountain climbing.

He rode magnificently, and as a hunter of leopard, bear and ibex he was famous. Always he was mounted on a great black stallion, and strangely too, came the news that his mother had been English.

The Assyrians are Christians, but even so—fired by his personality—worshipping his heroism almost fanatically—Mohammedans and Jews were flocking under his banner, and soon he would be ready to fight for the rights of his people and for the return of the country that they had once owned.

There was no doubt that the Government of Iraq was disturbed and

at a loss what to do. Yucu had spent all his life in the mountains, and regiments of men could hide in the great caves which unexplored and uncharted undermine the hills and which are known to have been the treasure vaults of ancient kings.

Yucu was preparing, and in the meanwhile he had reverted to the old tradition of banditry. Caravans were stopped and looted, motor cars were held up even on the famous road itself.

In Baghdad anxious officials held meetings and summoned each other by telephone, and, in the meantime Yucu's men disappeared into the shadows of the mountain side, no one knew whither until they reappeared.

It was a tale to thrill even the most apathetic listener, and for Mary there was the knowledge that this strange band, this army in the making, were only a few miles away from her at this moment.

Perhaps sometimes in the darkness of the night they came down to Rowanduz—they must need food and wine—and she knew from what she had heard, even from the little she had understood, that there was much sympathy for Yucu in the bazaar.

There were many Assyrians in Rowanduz, and the Kurdish women would help him secretly, even if they dared not do so openly.

She opened her casement window a little wider. The night air was clear and cold with a touch of ice in it, and she pulled a soft fur cloak over her shoulders and wrapped it round her. The mellow candle light behind her silhouetted her fair hair so that it shone like a halo framing her oval face and deep blue eyes. "An English rose" they called her, and yet, to-night, something wild in her blood filled her with desires which were certainly not conventional English ones. There was a throb of Oriental music in the far distance, and then . . . she was startled by the cry of a child! It came from below her window, and in the dark shadows of the street below, she could see a small boy holding out his hands to her, and wailing for help in tones which are eloquent in any language.

Without a second thought, without waiting to tell one of her fellow actresses who slept next door where she was going, Mary sped down the narrow wooden staircase, and pulling open the huge outside door, stepped into the roadway.

She went towards the child, who—when he saw her—rose to his feet and seizing her by the hand pulled her away from the house along the street down a side turning. The boy was still crying, but talking all the time in Kurdish. Mary could not understand, but, at the same time, allowed herself to be led onwards, wondering what was wrong, trying in soothing tones to calm the childish agitation.

Once away from the lighted windows of the house, they stepped into almost impenetrable darkness. The moon was not yet high enough to pierce the shadows of streets barely six feet across, and then suddenly, as she groped her way, the warm convulsive clasp of the little hand which pulled her loosened. She heard the boy speak in a more normal tone, dropping his whining cry, and then before she could see to whom he spoke or even realise he had left her, she felt a cloth thrown over her head and her arms seized by strong hands.

She tried to struggle, but it was impossible. She was swung off her feet and carried—her cries stifled, her struggles ineffectual, and she was only aware that for the first time in her life she was desperately afraid.

Hours later, it seemed to Mary, she felt her feet on the ground again. She had been carried in the arms of a man across the saddle of a horse. She knew that there were other horses moving beside and behind

her, she could hear their hoofs and occasionally the low tones of men's voices. But she could not move or make any sound save a stifled murmur. They had galloped at first for a very little way, and then they had climbed, the horses moving slowly but surely as if the road they trod was a familiar one.

She was cramped and her limbs were numb, so that she would have fallen had not strong arms still supported her and led her forward until, with a sudden unexpected movement, the cloth which covered her head was taken away and she was free. For a moment she could not see. Her eyes were dazzled by the light of several lamps hanging from a low ceiling. Then she realised she was in a huge room hung with carpets and having as its only furniture a low cushion-covered divan. She turned swiftly to face her captors, but she was too late to see them. They had gone, and only a carpet swinging slightly showed their exit.

Instinctively Mary patted her hair into place, moving her arms slowly to restore the circulation. She was warm, for luckily she had been wearing her fur cloak which now fell back from her shoulders to reveal her simple dinner dress of white lace. Her heart was beating and her mouth was dry. At the same time, she felt her courage returning. She had been physically afraid: now that she was unharmed and unhurt her fears were not so desperate.

As she waited wondering what to do, anticipating what the next minutes would bring forth, one of the wall hangings was drawn aside and a man entered.

Even as she turned to face him Mary was tingling aware who he was, but even so the first thing she noticed and which came to her with the suddenness of a shock was that his eyes were as blue as her own.

Yucu Kirkuk stood silently looking down at her from his great height. He was dressed in riding clothes of western cut, and only the heavy revolvers in a swathed waist band and the shallow conical cap of thick felt—which is typically Assyrian—made him different from any conventional stranger Mary might have met in England or America.

His skin was tanned by the sun and from exposure to a deep bronze, and his blue eyes were so startling in contrast that Mary felt it was easy to understand how, even apart from his mission and from his personality, the ignorant people would regard him with superstitious awe and with what was almost reverence.

They stood staring at each other, and then at last Mary broke the silence—unable for some reason which she could not explain to herself to

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STRANGE REALITY

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bear for a moment longer the silent scrutiny of those piercing vivid eyes. "Why have you brought me here?" she asked. And somehow when his answer came it did not surprise her. "I wanted to see you" he said, simply.

The question "Why?" trembled on her lips, but she could not articulate it. She knew and she understood, and so in silence she let him lead her to the divan.

She sat down and waited whilst he clapped his hands so that coffee was brought to them, sweetmeats and great dates soaked in goat's milk. Servants put them down on a low table and then, bowing, withdrew.

When they were alone, Yucu turned to Mary and spoke again.

"I have told my men," he said, "that I have brought you here for a ransom, but if you wish to leave you may go now. You are free and there are horses outside waiting. You can be back in the town in an hour or so, long before anyone will have missed you." His voice was deep but melodious, with an attractive accent and a slight hesitation over his words as though his English was rusty and he must think before he spoke.

Mary hesitated for a moment and then with a smile which was famous over four continents she said: "May I have some coffee before I decide anything. I am rather tired and I have been afraid."

"Forgive me" he said, and bent down and handed her the cup and—as he did so—she noticed his hand: from the first finger to wrist ran a deep and only partially healed scar. She guessed it was the mark of a knife, and a sudden realisation of what was occurring to her and with whom she was talking came to her consciousness.

This man who had just offered her freedom was the most feared and the most mysterious person in the whole country. His life was in danger every hour and every minute of the day. He was in the throes of a desperate campaign for justice, and yet in the midst of it he had time to think of her. He had wanted to see her, and so—with Oriental peremptoriness—he had sent for her and she had been brought to him.

Mary bent her head to sip her coffee, and as she did so she glanced up at him under her eyelashes. With a sudden clarity she understood the decision he had put to her a moment before. She knew without him telling her that this man—as had many others—loved her pictured self and desired the shadow of her even while he had never met the substance. Dreams of her had perhaps accompanied him in his most dangerous exploits, the ideal for which she stood had not been affected by war, violence or bloodshed.

And now two courses lay open to her—to return immediately with the horses that were waiting, or to let his men go to Rowanduz with a note demanding ransom.

If it were a question of ransom, there would be a delay of three, perhaps four days, whilst the negotiations were arranged before the money was finally handed over. There would be expressions of fury, bursts of impotent rage, bitter words would pass between the film people and the Government, but both would be powerless against the fastnesses of the mountains in which she was hidden at this moment and the strength and secrecy of Yucu.

Three days in his company as his guest, or was it his prisoner? Three days to get to know this adventurer, this man who was threatening a great kingdom.

She looked up at him again, he was staring at her. There was strength and determination in his lined face, but it held, also, a force that was strangely spiritual, and his eyes were those of a visionary, of a man who sees the road far ahead of

INCOME TAX DEBATE

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doubted force of many arguments opposing the introduction of the tax locally, we must qualify our recommendation in five ways.

(a) We must not be taken as expressing the opinion that such substantial extra revenue is actually necessary; in so far as more revenue is needed owing to the growth of the Colony that very growth is likely automatically to increase the revenue, while it is outside our province to consider how far it may be needed to finance new or improved services.

(b) The possibility of the successful working of the tax should first be the subject of a detailed investigation with the assistance of an expert, preferably familiar with the collection of the tax in an Eastern country.

(c) The imposition of the tax involves a new departure in fiscal policy. We assume that it would not be passed through Council by the use of the official majority and that unofficial members of Council will expect to receive, before agreeing to the imposition, some indication of the heads of expenditure to which its yield will be applied.

(d) We feel that it would be unwise to impose a tax of this nature until a substantial body of opinion in the Colony believes that the tax can be levied fairly and efficiently.

(e) The imposition of Income Tax should to some extent be compensated for by the remission of other forms of taxation.

PEACE TIME

The second and third points deal with certain objections which have been against the imposition of an income tax. Of these one is that, once established on the plea of the necessity of war, the tax would remain in peace time. To that I would rejoin that if eventually it is agreed that an income tax bill for war purposes should be introduced I should have no objection to the inclusion of a clause which would effect an automatic repeal of the measure at some stated time, for example, at the end of the financial year next after the conclusion of peace.

The other objection is of smaller calibre, though I believe that it is very potent: it is the fear that income tax procedure is necessarily inquisitorial to a high degree and that the business secrets of merchants and manufacturers would thus become the prey of either their competitors or of blackmailers. But that it not so, the honest taxpayer has nothing to fear from an income tax, his return of income supported, where necessary, by a balance sheet or a profit and loss account, neither of which would reveal trade secrets, would normally be accepted without examination of his detailed accounts. This fear of inquisitorial methods is, I am sure, sincere; nevertheless it has no justification in reality.

PEACE-TIME REVENUE

Lastly, in order that I should be completely frank on the subject, I admit my belief that the principal contribution to the peace-time—I repeat, peace-time—revenue of this Colony should come from an income tax. Trivial arguments can be ranged against its equitability in a community composed of different races with different standards of living; but these arguments have little weight when opposed to the undeniable basic equity of a tax which is assessed in accordance with ability to pay. More than one un-official member has reminded me during the debate of the shortcomings of this Colony's administration. I freely, though with deep regret, agree that in primary education, in facilities for sick poor and sick children, in housing of the poorer classes, in town planning and in other respects the provision made by this Colony is gravely lacking. I do not attempt to

those that travel with him. A strange man, a courageous man, a man of mystery, a man of power—

Mary gave a little shiver. She was alone here, alone in an exile's camp at the mercy of a revolutionary.

And then she glanced again at the scar on his wrist, at the pistols at his belt. This then was reality! This was life! This was what she had wanted.

Mary put down her coffee cup, then said speaking softly so that he must bend his proud head to hear her words, "I think I am too tired to travel back to-night."

And the blue eyes of Yucu Kirkuk met hers in perfect understanding.

disguise from myself the fact that in order to cure that complexity of social ills it would be necessary to raise a great deal more revenue and I again state my conviction that the only proper way of raising the necessary amount would be by putting the revenue on an income tax foundation. A few steps, mostly tentative, have been taken during the last two years towards the solution of the various problems which these social diseases set up but the real fight has got to come.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

These latter remarks at such a time as this may be regarded as inopportune. I have made them because I hope that the day may come when I shall preside over a meeting of this Council with a bill before it for the imposition, or re-imposition, of income tax as a peace-time measure, in order that we may begin to tackle in practical earnest those social problems. But that is looking some way ahead. The immediate question before the Council, though not to-day before this Council, is whether we should discharge our admitted duty to Great Britain by means of an income tax or some other revenue-raising measure or measures. I ask no more than that those who have reached a conclusion contrary to income tax should, in the light of the Honourable the Financial Secretary's speech and the very cogent remarks which have fallen from the honourable and gallant member the General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China, closely re-examine the reasons which led them to that conclusion, having during the process an open mind and a single eye for the good of the Colony and the Empire.

It is not the case that the whole community of Hong Kong is opposed, either in principle or in

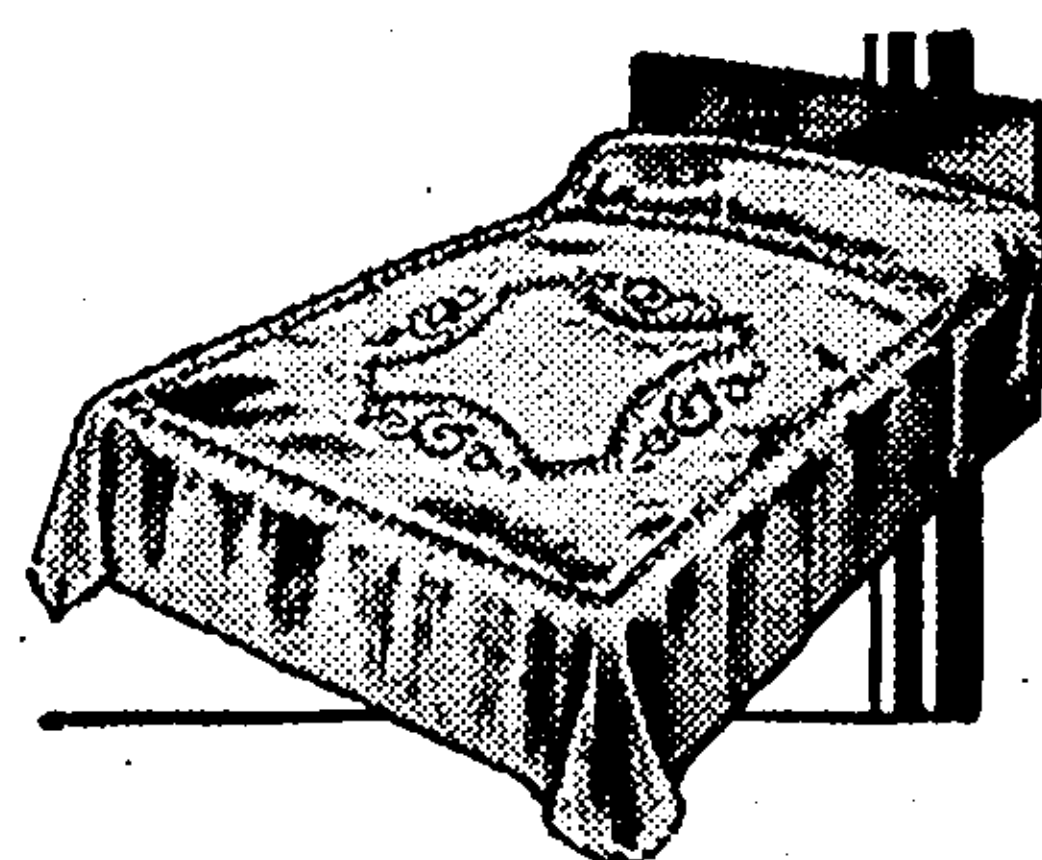


Irene Dunne, who co-stars with Charles Boyer in Universal's "When Tomorrow Comes," which starts a full week-end run at the Alhambra Theatre to-day.

practice, to the imposition of income tax at the present time. I am aware of a growing body of opinion, both European and Chinese, which is in support of that course of action.

I have been asked to widen the terms of reference of the expert committee appointed to examine Government's proposals as framed in a bill.

I am prepared to do so on the clear understanding that the committee will first discharge the duty which it accepted on appointment, that is to say to enquire whether an income tax measure suitable to the present moment's needs can be devised.



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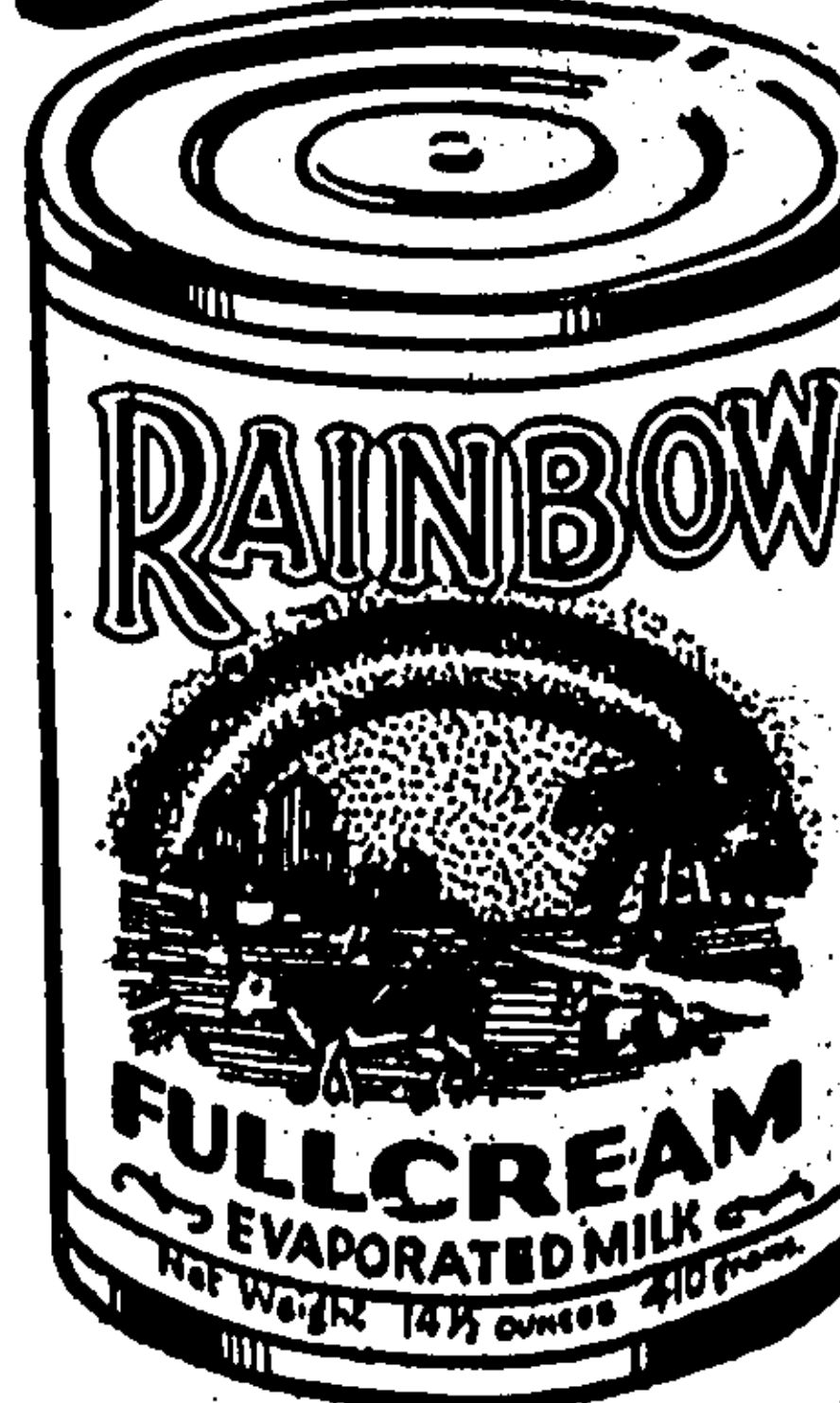
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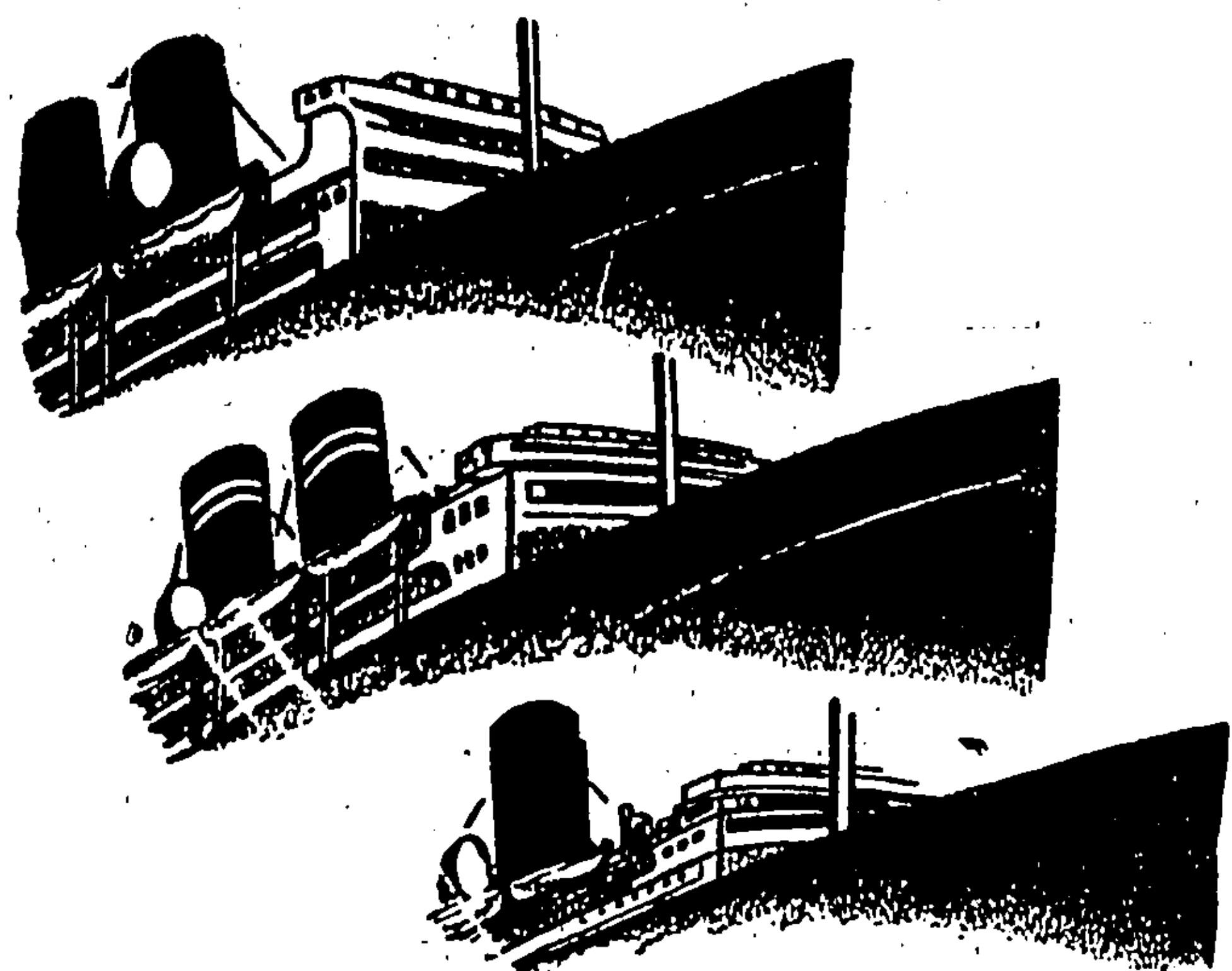
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WARSHIPS SHELL PAKHOI

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

REPORTS OF JAPANESE entry into Pakhoi yesterday morning now appear to be premature. Last night the city was still in Chinese hands, with a fierce battle raging on the outskirts.

The Japanese it appears, have not been able to bring field artillery into action and are dependent on warships to cover their advance.

Some 10 Japanese warships appeared off Pakhoi yesterday and started shelling the city, many of the shells falling in the outskirts.

A gallant fight was put up by the Chinese at Lungmun, where the Japanese have been unable to penetrate further inland following their landing on Wednesday afternoon.

Several sharp hand-to-hand clashes were reported last night at Lungmun and it is claimed in Chinese despatches that the Japanese were several times driven back with heavy casualties.

Yesterday the Japanese landed on Sha-tun Island, near Lungmun, but this island is reported to be of no military importance.

PLANES ACTIVE

Japanese planes are operating extensively in the Lungmun region, and the landing parties are supported by warships.

So far no refugees have yet attempted to cross the frontier into French Territory.

Yamchowfu and Limchowfu (Hopo) authorities have ordered compulsory evacuation of civilians. The Chinese military have taken over the wireless and telegraph offices at Pakhoi and incoming messages have been suspended, outgoing messages by civilians being allowed at certain fixed hours only. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE AT LUNG MUN REPORTED ROUTED

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

It is reported this morning that the Japanese, who landed at Lungmun, have been routed.

The Chinese counter-attack started at 4 p.m. yesterday when the first defence line troops engaged the Japanese invaders in furious hand-to-hand

fighting, in which they made valuable use of hand-grenades.

The Japanese were forced to yield ground and, threatened with annihilation by encirclement, they retreated to the shore and re-embarked, while warships shelled the Chinese forces.

This morning, nine Japanese planes appeared over Lungmun and heavily bombed the Chinese positions. — Our Own Correspondent.

NAVAL UNITS

Kwellin, To-day.

A Chinese military spokesman said in a press interview yesterday that the Japanese invading the Pakhoi area are largely naval units. Army units form only a small part.

Judging by the limited strength of the force, no large-scale operations would appear to be planned the spokesman declared.

A small Japanese unit which landed at Kisha, near Lungmun, is now subject to heavy Chinese attacks. — Central News.

U.S. WATCHES INVASION OF PAKHOI

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, declared yesterday that the State Department is watching Japan's latest invasion in the Pakhoi region.

He added he was uncertain what American interests, if any, were involved, but the Department nevertheless was obtaining information concerning the move. — Reuter.

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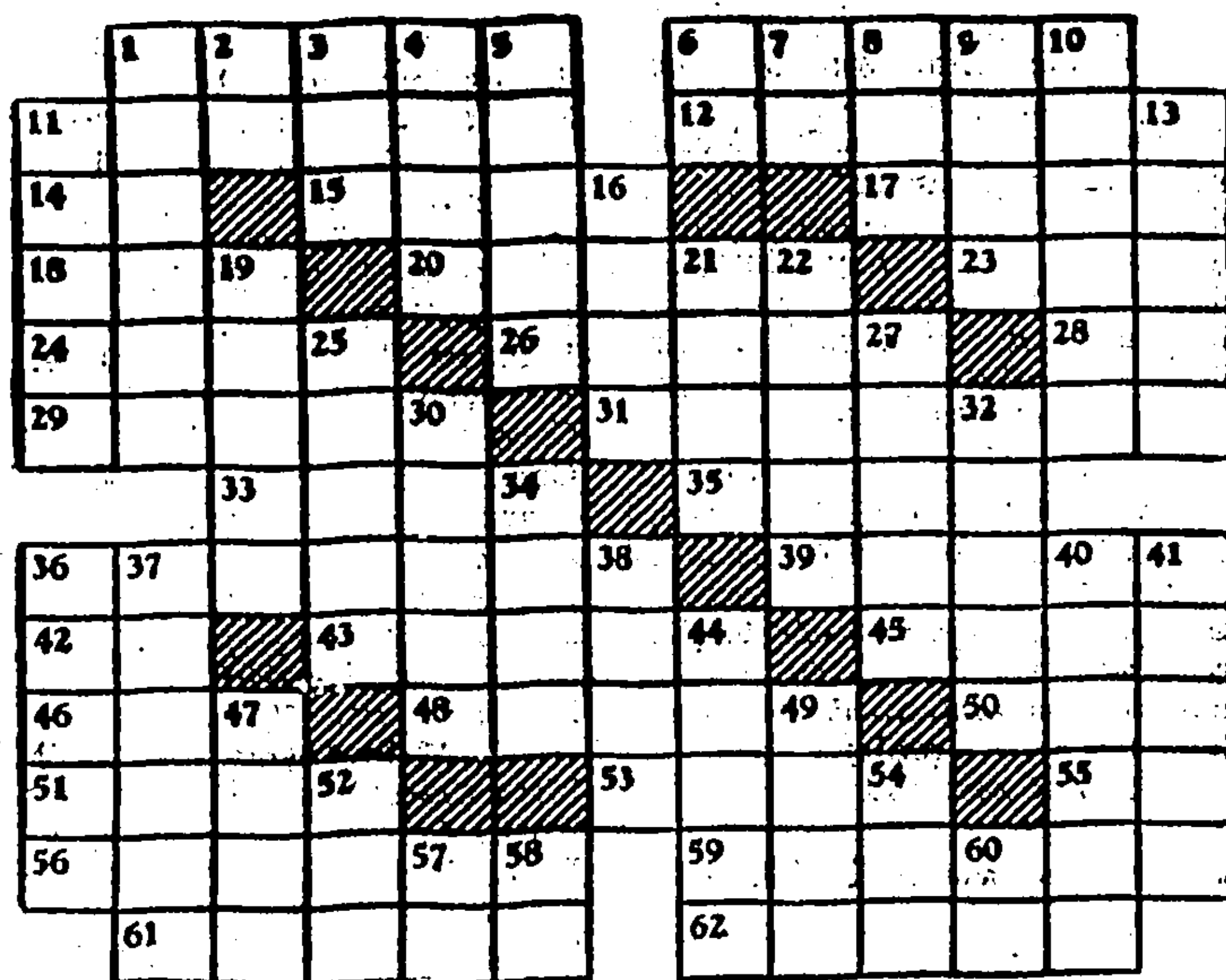
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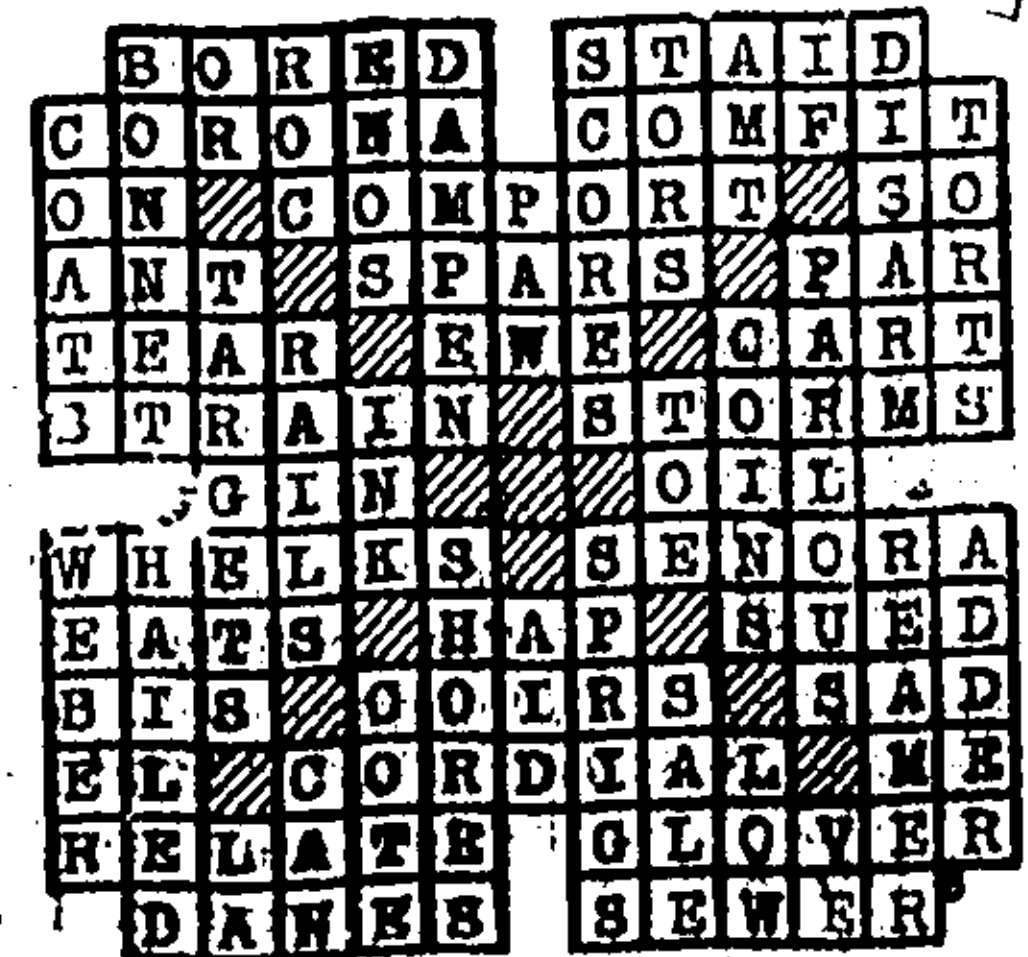
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- 1 Slope
- 6 Take as one's own
- 11 Slimmer
- 12 Journeyed
- 14 Each (abbr.)
- 15 Absorbed
- 17 Old Irish capital
- 18 Ennet
- 20 Ventured
- 23 Encountered
- 24 A tax
- 26 Pigeons
- 28 Symbol for tellurium
- 29 Succinct
- 31 Slanders
- 33 Dress
- 35 Bristle
- 36 Became visible
- 39 Splits
- 42 French article
- 43 Flies high
- 45 Food regime
- 46 Suffix
- 48 anecdotes of
- 48 Stumbles
- 50 Turkish title
- 51 Narrative

VERTICAL

- 1 Spiritualist meeting
- 2 Note of scale
- 3 Conjunction
- 4 Desire
- 5 Trample
- 6 Near
- 7 Perform
- 8 Abroad
- 9 Baby carriage (coll.)
- 10 Cylindrical
- 11 Smallest value
- 13 Fruit (pl.)
- 16 Goad
- 19 Ancient shield
- 21 Nights before
- 22 Put off
- 25 Former Russian rulers
- 27 Satisfied
- 30 Grain fungus
- 32 Craze
- 34 Endure
- 36 Puff up
- 37 A threat
- 38 Leak
- 40 Relative amount
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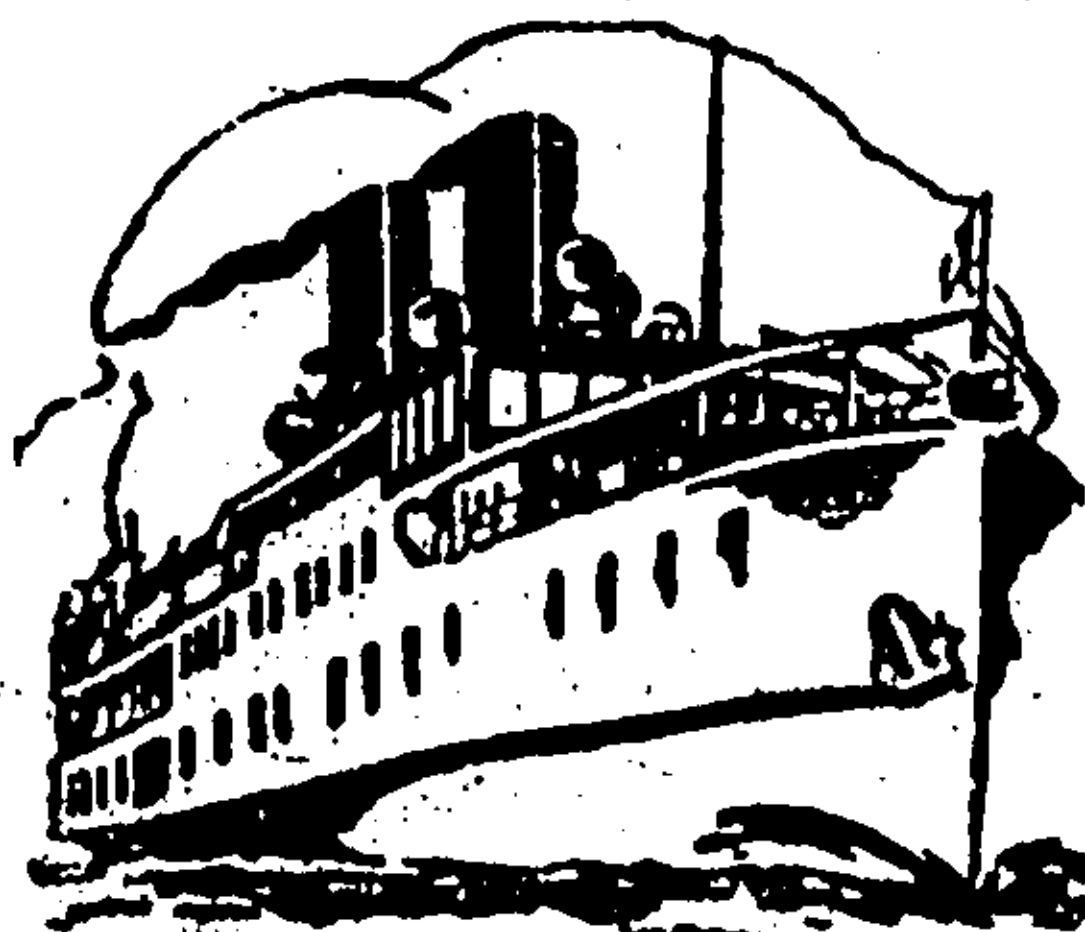
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VISIBLE MAN IN BLACK-OUT

Experiments to check the alarming street casualty rate in the black-out by changes in the clothing of men and women were made at a strange little night gathering which I attended in Hyde Park, writes a correspondent.

It consisted of men with white hatbands slipped over sedate black bowlers, luminous arm-bands which called up memories of the invisible man, white gas-mask cases with white strappings passed round the coat, white raincoats, white walking-sticks, and even white jerkins.

The other half of the cortege moved about, sedately and normally dressed, in near invisibility.

The demonstration, which had received official blessings from the R.A.C., Ministry of Information, Home Office, "Safety First" Association and Chief Constables of various cities, was organised by the "Men's Wear Council of Great Britain" as a practical contribution to the grave problem of road accidents.

Practically every borough throughout the country is faced by a casualty list, chiefly pedestrians killed or injured in the darkened streets, a list which grows until, in some cases

the casualties of the first few weeks of the black-out are comparable with some of the results of the heaviest air raids during the Spanish war.

A dark avenue of trees was chosen for the Hyde Park cortege, which marched in twos towards the appropriately dimmed lights of a car. Measured distances were marked, and when the pedestrian became visible to a judge standing beside the car he was asked to stop, and the distance noted.

Most of those wearing one form or another of black-out insignia were visible from a distance of 20 to 25 yards.

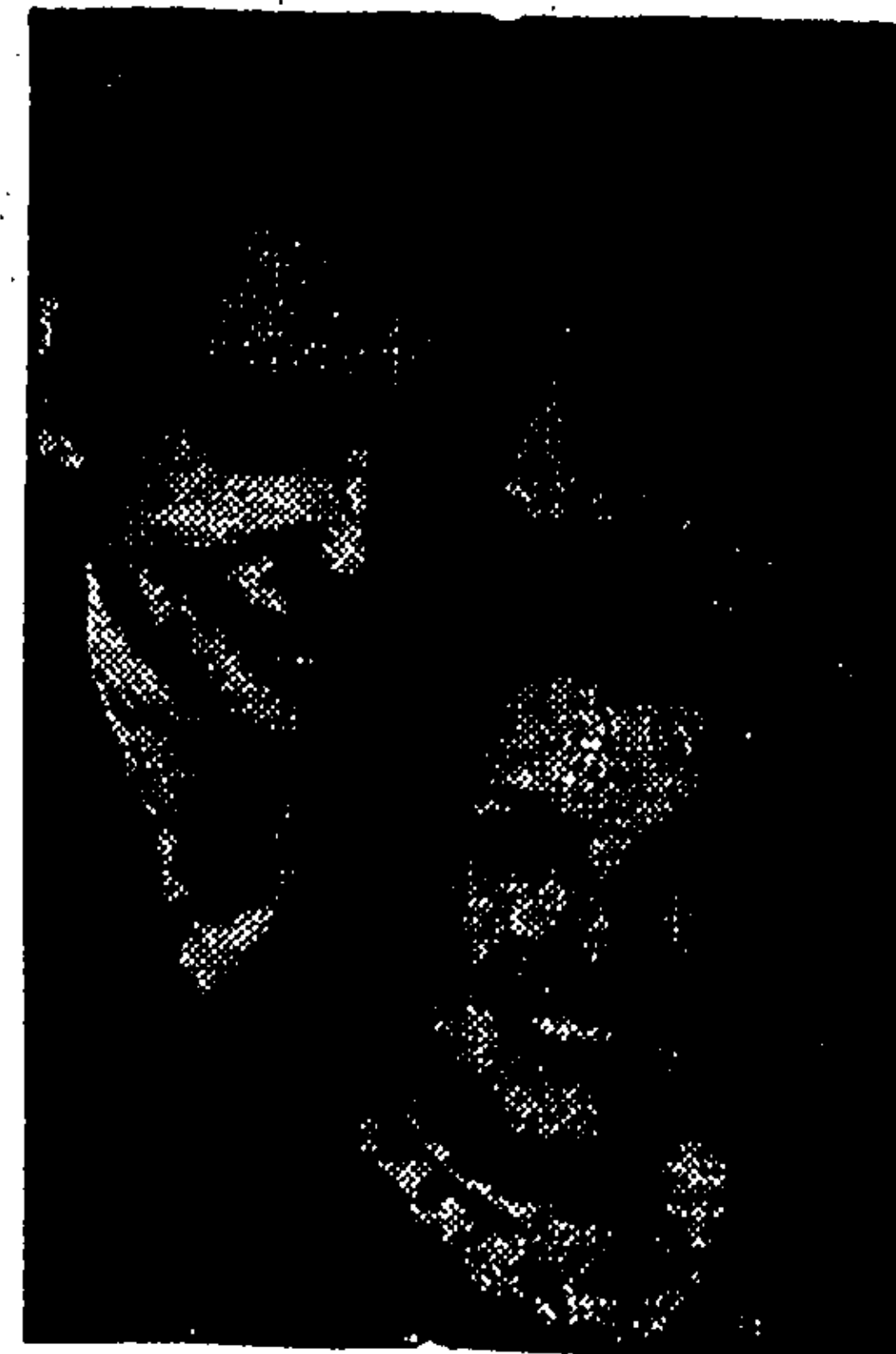
Sartorial palm went to the women. Where their fellow-demonstrators looked a trifle sheepish as they slipped on unfamiliar jerkins, armlets and bands, the women managed to make their white articles of wear look as smart as any other new fashion and an addition to their toilet.

A white rubber cape—the kind used by women when they shampoo their hair or "make up"—gave a supremely elegant touch to a black coat belted with white leather, cost £s.

THE BIG PROBLEM

I commented on these things to one of the officials. He replied that man, that conservative and self-conscious animal, was the problem. It was he who was the major contributor to the casualty question.

Women, it was explained, had entered into all war problems with a certain amount of zest and their usual adaptability.



Richard Greene and Anita Louise are prominently featured in Shirley Temple's first Technicolor production, "The Little Princess," coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$205 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$70 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. Docks \$18.60 b.

MINING

H.K. Mines 4 cts. sa.

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H.K. Tramways \$15.70 b.

Yaumati Ferries \$22½ b.

China Lights (Old) \$7.60 b.

H.K. Electrics \$49½ b.

Telephones (Old) \$20½ b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$14.60 b., \$14.90 s.

STORES, &C.

Watsons \$7.90 b., \$8.10 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6 b.

H.K. Govt. 3½ % Loan 97 s.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .14 sa.

Atoks Ps. .17½ sa.

Bagulo Gold Ps. .14 b.

Batong Buhay Ps. .011 sa.

Benguet Consol. Ps. .1120 sa.

Big Wedge Ps. .19½ b.

Coco Grove Ps. .17 b.

Consol. Mines Ps. .003 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .17 b.

I.X.L. Ps. .37½ b.

Ipo Gold Ps. .14 sa.

Itogons Ps. .23½ sa.

Mambulao Ps. .04 b.

Masbates Ps. .09 b.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .07 b.

Mine Operation Ps. .08½ b.

North Camarines Ps. .13½ b.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .16½ b.

San Mauricio Ps. .74 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .16½ b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12½ sa.

United Paracales Ps. .31½ sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Spot silver was quoted at 23-5/6 and forward at 23-3/8.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.93-1/8.

'CLERGY MEN'S BOMBS'

M. Georges London, writing from a "Little inn on the German frontier" to the Paris "Journal," says "an informant" in whose judgment he had confidence told him the Nazis call the leaflets dropped by the R.A.F. "clergymen's bombs."

The "informant" suggested that these messages should be printed in large type on both sides of the paper so that, no matter which way they fell, a man would not have to run the risk of being seen turning one over, and could glance down at it covertly.

NO. 87—THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK

By VINCENT TOWNE

Instant death was the penalty the mysterious prisoner must pay should he ever reveal his face—this by royal command of Louis the Grand who boasted, "I am the State!"

The only clue to the unfortunate's identity was this entry upon the register of the grim Bastille:

"On Thursday, the 18th of September 1698, at a o'clock of the afternoon, M. de Saint-Mars, governor of the chateau of the Bastille, arrived for the first entrance into office, coming from his government of the islands of Sainte-Marguerite, having brought with him in his litter a former prisoner of his at Pignerol, whom he obliges to keep himself always masked, and whose name is not told."

For 17 years this masked prisoner had languished in the dungeon of Sainte-Marguerite after having him brought there from Pignerol.

It was rumoured that his features had to be forever hidden because they bore a resemblance compromising to the grand monarch. He must have been a personage of great rank. His jailers were commanded to treat him always with that respect which was due to royalty alone. Even M. de Saint-Mars himself had to stand bare-headed when addressing his charge.

The mask was of black velvet. So another entry in the prison register stated. According to Voltaire it had steel springs at the chin piece, allowing the wearer to eat without uncovering his face; but this detail is supposed to have been one of the fruits of Voltaire's imagination. Yet its suggestion yielded the name: "Man of the Iron Mask."

He languished in the cruel Bastille five years, two months and one day. Then his tortured soul was relieved of a hell of torment known to have lasted 22 years and which probably had covered a longer period of agony. He left behind no clues as to his identity or his antecedents. Only M. de Saint-Mars and the grand monarch could tell; and they never did.

For a dozen years after the masked prisoner had died, not even M. de Saint-Mars' brothers in arms, who had helped guard that wretched existence, dared to ask themselves who their prisoner might have been. Then Louis XIV went up for his final judgment after more than 70 years on the throne, and men dared to gossip be-



His Features Had to Be Forever Hidden.

hind closed doors. The first published attempt to unravel the mystery was in the "Memoirs" of an anonymous author who claimed the masked man had been the Duc de Vermandois, natural son of Louis XIV by the beautiful Louise de la Valliere. During an outburst of anger he had dare strike the Dauphin and had suffered a lifetime of torture for this attack.

Voltaire, in his "Century of Louis XIV," related that shortly after 1661, when Cardinal Mazarin died and Louis XIV took the government into his own hands, "a prisoner of greater than ordinary stature, young and of most handsome and noble form, was sent under strict secrecy to the island of Sainte-Marguerite." The King's minister, Louvois, went to see the prisoner on the island and spoke to him, standing with every sign of respect. According to Voltaire, the prisoner was a half-brother of Louis XIV, the son of that monarch's mother, "Haughty" Anne of Austria.

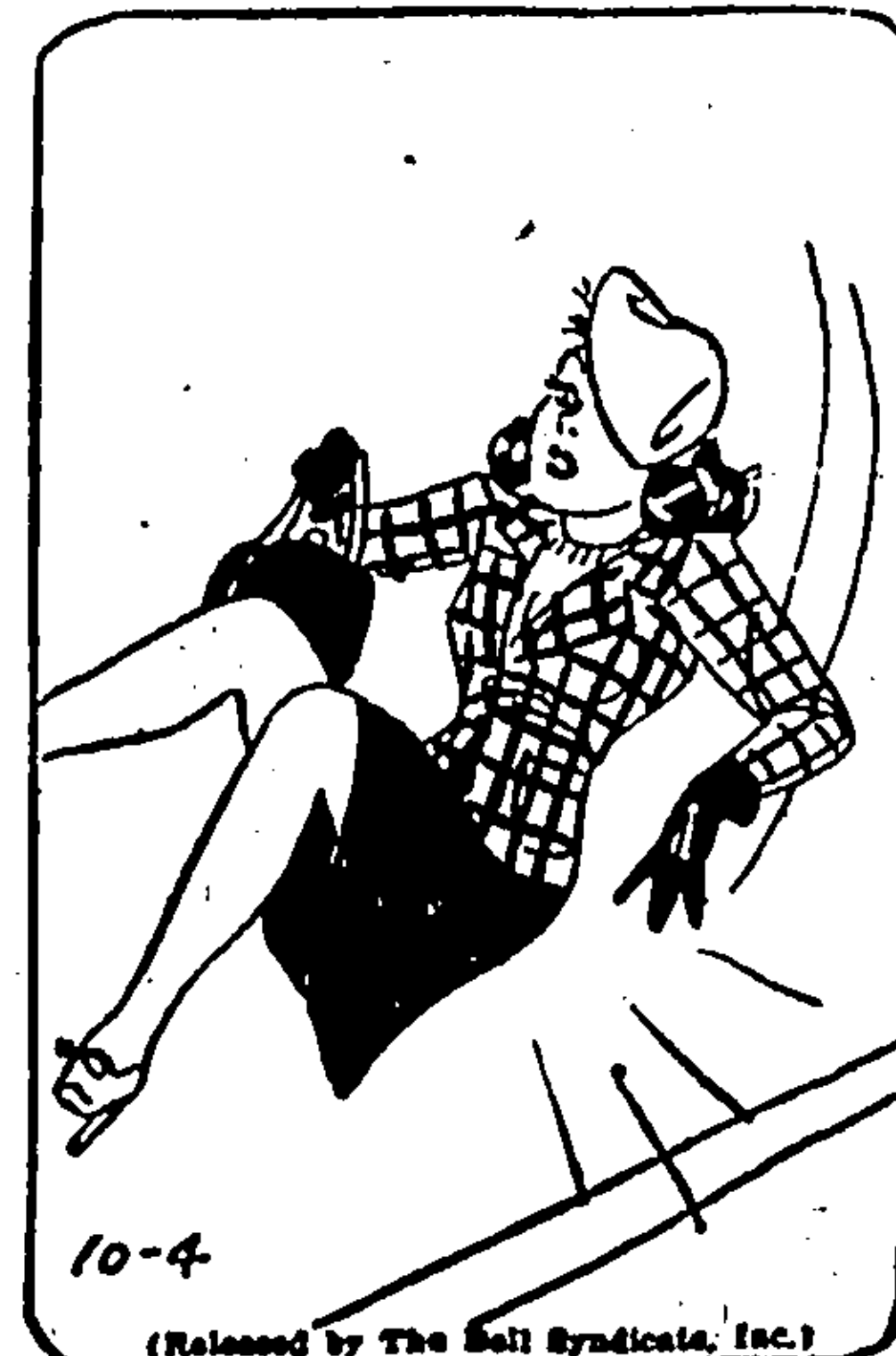
This disclosure was shortly followed by a pamphlet emphatically stating that this natural son of Anne had been put on the throne in substitution for the real Louis XIV, that the personage who for more than 70 years enjoyed all the presentage of "The Grand Monarch" was, therefore a pseudo king, and that the unknown prisoner of the Bastille was the rightful ruler of France. According to a further theory, the Man of the Iron Mask was a half-brother of Louis, but his father was the English Duke of Buckingham. Others have maintained that he was a twin brother of the grand monarch and had been put away to avoid complications. This was seized upon by Dumas for the plot of his novel, "The Man in the Iron Mask."

There was once circulated an extravagant theory that this man of

mystery had been the rightful Louis XIV that he had been married upon the island of Sainte-Marguerite to his jailer's daughter and that there had been born to this union a son who was smuggled over to Corsica, where his foster parents were simply told that he "came from good part," which assurance translated into French gave him the name "Bouaparte." He was the grandfather of the great Napoleon, who thus in the third generation came forward to avenge the sins of the fathers!

Some authorities claim that the Man of the Iron Mask was the French

officer Bulonde, who had displeased his royal master during a military siege; others that he was M de Marchiel, a French soldier of fortune who led a conspiracy for the assassination of Louis XIV; that he was Count Matlioli, the Duke of Mantau's Minister of State, who left a disappearance mystery behind him, and that he was that human enigma, James de la Cloche, son of Charles II of England, who dissolved into nothingness, about the time that the Man of the Iron Mask appears to have been placed in confinement at Pignerol.



The trouble with being placed on a pedestal is in time one always has to come down to earth.

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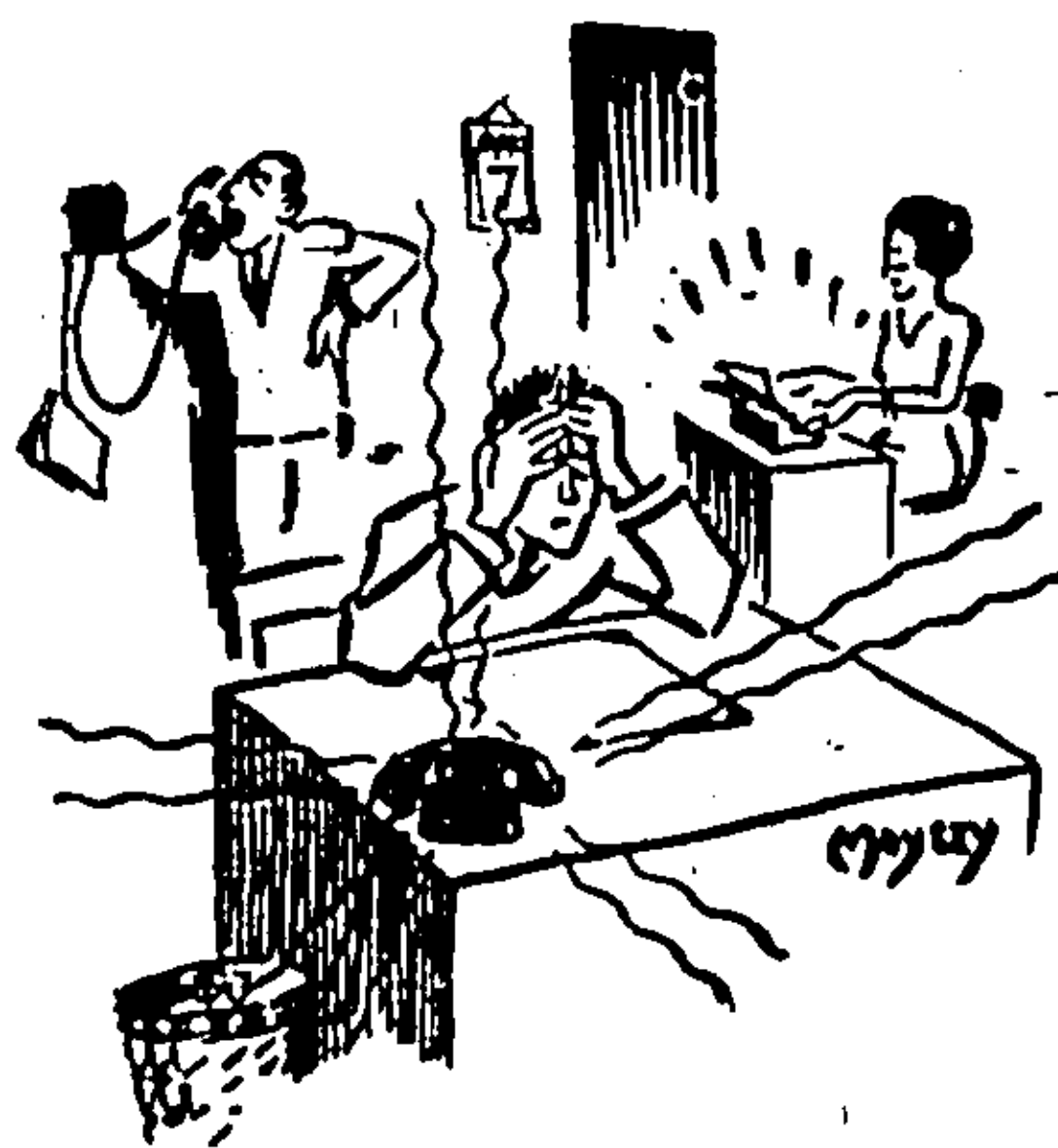
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Trapped by the hurricane, Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer shown in a tense moment from Universal's "When Tomorrow Comes," now at the Alhambra Theatre.

BADMINTON LEAGUE FIXTURES

The programme for the Badminton League matches this season is as follows:

A DIVISION

December 4.—Recrelo v. Chung Wah.
December 11.—Chung Wah v. Chinese Y.M.C.A.
December 18.—University A. v. University B; Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. Recrelo.
January 8.—University B v. Chung Wah; Recrelo v. University A.
January 15.—Recrelo v. University B; Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. Chung Wah.
January 22.—University A. v. Recrelo; Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. University B.
January 29.—Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. University A; Chung Wah v. Recrelo.
February 5.—Chung Wah v. University A.
February 12.—University B v. University A; Recrelo v. Chinese Y.M.C.A.
February 19.—Chung Wah v. University B.
February 26.—University B v. Chinese Y.M.C.A.
March 4.—University A v. Chinese Y.M.C.A.
March 11.—University B v. Recrelo.
March 18.—University A v. Chung Wah.

B DIVISION

November 22.—King's College v. Kowloon Tong; St. John's v. St. Andrew's.
November 29.—King's College v. Andrew's; St. John's v. St. Teresa's.
December 6.—Kowloon Tong v. St. Andrew's; King's College v. St. Teresa's; K.C.C. v. St. John's.
December 13.—V.R.C. v. St. Andrew's; Kowloon Tong v. St. Teresa's; King's College v. K.C.C.
December 20.—V.R.C. v. Recrelo; St. Andrew's v. St. Teresa's; Kowloon Tong v. K.C.C.
January 3.—V.R.C. v. St. Teresa's; Recrelo v. St. John's; St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.
January 10.—V.R.C. v. St. John's; St. Teresa's v. K.C.C.; Recrelo v. King's College.
January 17.—V.R.C. v. K.C.C.; St. John's v. King's College; Recrelo v. Kowloon Tong.
January 24.—V.R.C. v. King's College; St. John's v. Kowloon Tong; Recrelo v. St. Andrew's.
January 31.—V.R.C. v. Kowloon Tong; K.C.C. v. Recrelo.
February 14.—Kowloon Tong v. King's College; St. Andrew's v. St. John's; Recrelo v. St. Teresa's.
February 21.—Kowloon Tong v. V.R.C.; St. Andrew's v. King's College; Recrelo v. K.C.C.; St. Teresa's v. St. John's.
February 28.—St. Andrew's v. Kowloon Tong; St. Teresa's v. King's College; St. John's v. K.C.C.
March 6.—St. Andrew's v. V.R.C.; St. Teresa's v. Kowloon Tong; K.C.C. v. King's College.
March 13.—Recrelo v. V.R.C.; St. Teresa's v. St. Andrew's; K.C.C. v. Kowloon Tong.
March 20.—St. Teresa's v. V.R.C.; St. John's v. Recrelo; K.C.C. v. St. Andrew's.
March 25.—St. John's v. V.R.C.; K.C.C. v. St. Teresa's; King's College v. Recrelo.
March 27.—K.C.C. v. V.R.C.; King's College v. St. John's; Kowloon Tong v. Recrelo.
April 3.—King's College v. V.R.C.; Kowloon Tong v. St. John's; St. Andrew's v. Recrelo.
April 10.—St. Teresa's v. Recrelo.
MIXED DOUBLES
December 1.—K.C.C. v. Recrelo B.
December 8.—Recrelo A v. Recrelo B; St. John's v. K.C.C.
December 15.—Recrelo A v. Talkoo.
December 22.—Recrelo B v. University; Talkoo v. St. John's.
December 29.—Recrelo A v. St. John's; Talkoo v. University.
January 5.—University v. St. John's; Recrelo B v. K.C.C.
January 12.—University v. Recrelo A; Talkoo v. K.C.C.
January 19.—Recrelo B v. Recrelo A; K.C.C. v. St. John's.
January 26.—Talkoo v. Recrelo B; K.C.C. v. University.
February 2.—Talkoo v. Recrelo A; St. John's v. Recrelo B.
February 9.—K.C.C. v. Recrelo A; St. John's v. Talkoo; University v. Recrelo B.
February 16.—St. John's v. Recrelo A; University v. Talkoo.
February 23.—Recrelo B v. Talkoo; St. John's v. University.
March 1.—Recrelo B v. St. John's University v. K.C.C.
March 8.—Recrelo A v. K.C.C.
March 15.—K.C.C. v. Talkoo; Recrelo A v. University.

Belillos Shield Shoot

The following is the draw for the First Round of the Belillos Shield Rifle Competition:—Police v. Naval Range Staff, Police Reserve v. Dockyard, Royal Air Force v. Volunteers, Engineers v. Middlesex.

Hale's Shooting feat

Using a service rifle with open sights at the Kowloon City Rifle ranges on Wednesday, Sgt. P. Hale,

of the Middlesex Regt., equalled the record score for the season when he totalled 101 with a scratch handicap. He secured a possible at 500 yards.



Mrs. Reed makes a home run for the Pirates against the Cardinals at Prince Edward Road on Sunday.



The Wildcats softball team photographed at the week-end.



The Wahos softball team.

C.B.A. LADIES' TEAMS

The following will represent C.B.A. Ladies in their Caer Clark Cup League game against "Y" Ladies at 3 p.m. on C.B.A. ground to-morrow: M. Ramsay; M. Wilmott and B. Parsons; A.

Smith, I. Woolley and A. Smith; B. Lalhovsky, M. Quick, D. Moss, P. Whitley and P. Baxter.

The following will represent C.B.A. Ladies in their Brawn Cup League game against "Y" Ladies at 3 p.m. on the "Y" ground to-morrow: P. MacFayden; V. Beaumont and M. Mackay; B. Sullivan, J. Felshaw and B. Louis; E. Hunt, F. Grimmit, E. Woolley, R. Stalker and I. Cunningham.

ARMY HOCKEY TRIAL

Though, as expected, there was little combination or understanding in the teams participating in the Army Hockey trial at Sookunpoo yesterday, it was, nevertheless, evident that there was sufficient material for a strong side to be chosen to represent Army in the forthcoming triangular and other tournaments.

Three periods of 20 minutes each were played and all players were given a chance, some in two positions.

The games were fast and featured by good individual play, though lack of combination prevented many goals being scored.

None of the goal-keepers were given many opportunities to show their capabilities as they were seldom called on.

Lieut. Hook in the pivotal position, played in all the periods and was the outstanding central-half of the afternoon and the obvious choice for that position. Dilmot and Beasley were both seen in the pivotal positions and later as wing halves.

In the first period, Dilmot, as right-half to Hook, gave a good performance, but in the last period, against Partab Singh and Marshall, he did not do so well.

Beasley, more at home in the centre-half berth, was seen at left-half in the last period. The slippery state of the ground hampered his display.

Austen, left-half, was consistently good and should earn a place in the team.

HARD-HITTING BACKS

All the backs hit hard and tackled well, Datta Ram and Gusain Singh being particularly good in the first period, while Hazara Singh and Dal Shan also played well.

Major Harvey, in the centre-forward position, was the most dangerous forward in the two halves he played.

Marshall, inside-left, played a good, sound game, passing well to his wingers and sending through good passes. He was tried on the left-wing in the latter stages, where he partnered Partab Singh, but both appeared out of position.

Partab Singh was in his element on the left wing, where his speed and powerful centring were greatly in evidence. As an inside forward he worked hard but was not so effective.

Sawal Singh, Pritam Nath, Indarjit Singh and Nerain Singh were also on view and the last three should find places in the side.

Homburg of the Engineers, at inside right, for one period, played well and showed a good turn of speed and clever stickwork.

Only two goals were scored. Homburg and Partab Singh being the scorers.

Yesterday's trial teams were:

Whites:—Pte. Osman (R.A.O.C.); Datta Ram (Rajputana) and Gussain Singh (Kumaons); Dilmot (R.A.), Lt. Hook (R.A.) and A. F. Austen (Signals); Khuda Bux (8th R.A.), Trilok Singh (Kumaons), Major Harvey (R.A.M.C.), Marshall (R.A.) and Gopal Ram (Rajputana).
Colours:—McGrady (R. Scots); Hazara Singh (8th R.A.), Darshan Singh (8th R.A.); Duda Ram (Rajputana), Beasley (R.A.M.C.) and Lal Singh (Kumaons); Lt. Sawal Khan (Rajputana), Lt. Indarjit Singh (Rajputana), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputana), Nerain Singh (Kumaons) and Partab Singh (Kumaons).

The following were also seen in the second and third periods: Lt. Belton (R.A.O.C.) on the right-wing in place of Khuda Bux; Shah Wali (Rajputana) on right-wing in place of Lt. Sawal Khan; Sher Khan (Rajputana) at left-half in place of Austen, and Sgt. Homburg (R. Engineers) inside-right in place of Trilok Singh.

POLICE LOSE TO R. E.

Without the services of their best player, Sergeant Ruthwell, and forced to field several reserves, Police second eleven did well to hold Royal Engineers to 4 goals to 1 yesterday afternoon at Boundary Street ground in a

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EVE OF HARVEST SHOULD WIN HONG KONG ST. LEGER

Mr. Moller To Ride Navylight

BOOLAT BAY AND LAUGHING GIRL FOR 'THE DOUBLE?'

(By "RAPIER")

AN ATTRACTIVE programme of eight events has been arranged for to-morrow's Race Meeting at the Valley, the most important being the Hong Kong St. Leger, the third race on the programme.

Contested over 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles by China ponies, Griffins of this season, this race will be deprived of a good deal of its interest owing to the fact that Rose Elect, 1939 Derby winner and champion pony, has not been entered on account of the leg trouble which developed after the Double Tenth Plate race. As a result, Eve of Harvest and Navylight should be chief contenders.

RACE NO. 1. TAIPO HANDICAP: ONE MILE

First event on the programme is confined to China ponies, with Griffins of this season classified "A" Class barred. Confusion Bay (Mr. Black), winner of the October Handicap over 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles at the Eighth Extra Meeting, has again been given top weight of 168 lbs. and, in view of the fact that the distance on Saturday is only a mile, I think its chances of winning are bright.

With only 146 lbs. to carry Lilliber (Mr. Sung) should, however, be a real danger. It won the Sussex Handicap (first section) at the last meeting in 1 min. 24 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. over six furlongs when carrying 151 lbs. With 5 lbs. less to-morrow and over a longer distance an upset here is quite possible.

Bear Claw (Mr. Proulx) should be well worth following for a place, if not actually for a win, on account of its light imposition of 140 lbs. and the fact that the distance is more to its liking.

Moonlight View (Mr. Pih) may find the distance too short, as might Blue Express (Mr. Encarnacao).

RACE NO. 2. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): (ABOUT ONE MILE 151 YARDS)

This is the first section of the race for "D" Class China ponies and, from the entries, I don't think I shall be far wrong in placing the winner among the following:—Estover (Mr. Tang), Strathbannock (Mr. Black) and Guinness Time (Mr. Encarnacao).

Estover won the Norfolk Handicap (first section) at the last meeting and has accordingly been penalised 11 lbs. and Strathbannock, winner of the Jordan Handicap (first section) is up 7 lbs.

As Estover is very fit at the moment I don't really expect that the additional 11 lbs. will hinder its chances very much. It must be remembered, however, that the race is over the two mile post and anything might happen.

Nevertheless, I have a feeling that Estover will win, but Strathbannock and Guinness Time are capable of extending it as they have done well before over this distance.

Double Chance (Mr. Hearne) should also be considered.

RACE NO. 4. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): (ABOUT ONE MILE 151 YARDS)

This race is confined to the second batch of "D" Class China ponies, and selecting the winner presents a difficult problem. For coming second and third in the Hunan Handicap (second section) over this distance, Emergency Call (Mr. Churchill) and Wilber (Mr. Sung) have been penalised 8 and 4 lbs. respectively. I fancy these two ponies will again fight out the finish with Wilber reversing the previous result. They will be seriously challenged, however, by Phoenix, if it is well handled.

During the last three meetings Matador (Mr. S. C. Liang) has been expected to win a race. It may do the trick on Saturday. February Fourth (Mr. Encarnacao) and Wild Bear (Mr. Pih) should also be in the running, although I cannot see either of them winning.

RACE NO. 5. SHUM CHUN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double", which will be decided by the first section of "D" Class China ponies. Pinfarthings (Mr. Churchill) has been allotted top weight of 168 lbs. and, in view of the distance, should not be disregarded.

The race should be between Boolat Bay (Mr. Needa) and Rose-Queen (Mr. Poy) but bear in mind Advancing Time, with Mr. Ho Hong-ping up, which has 5 lbs. allowance and is carrying only 155 lbs.

RACE NO. 3 HONG KONG ST. LEGER: 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ MILES

Main event of the afternoon has attracted only four entries and I expect all of them to start. They are:

EVE OF HARVEST (MR. HEARNE).
GALAXY (MR. CHAO)
HECTIC VIEW (MR. PIH)
NAVYLIGHT (MR. MOLLER)

Since coming in second in the Blue R-band of 1939, Navylight has not made an appearance owing to lameness, for which it was sent to Shanghai for treatment. It returned here at the beginning of last month apparently fully recovered. How much training it has had up North in preparation for this gruelling race is hard to tell, but from what I have seen of it in morning gallops, coupled with Mr. Moller's experience and an advantage of 5 lbs. in weight, I am confident that it will give Eve of Harvest the fight of its life!

On the other hand, Eve of Harvest, great-hearted pony from the Sassoon stable, is in splendid condition. Of course, there is always an element of surprise, especially in such a long race, but, judging on past performances, Eve of Harvest should win, with Navylight second and Hectic View third.

My choice is Boolat Bay on account of its light impost and the fact that Mr. Needa will be on top. Rose-Queen may give it a good tussle, but I doubt whether it will do better than take second place.

RACE NO. 6. NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season and there is little doubt that a very fast pace will be set. Lancashire Chips (Mr. Hearne) will be carrying top weight of 165 lbs. and I am therefore not placing much reliance in it.

Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa) is down by 3 lbs. since its last outing and will carry 162 lbs., but as Lucky Lad is not a sprinter I doubt its ability to win here.

Courting Eve (Mr. Pih) will also carry 162 lbs., but as it handled this weight when setting the record for this distance I think it should redeem itself.

With only 145 lbs. to carry Criffel is a decided danger, and if Mr. Black can get off to a good start and keep the lead, it might pull it off.

My choice is Courting Eve to win with Lancashire Chips second and Criffel third.

RACE NO. 7. SHUM CHUN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The second lot of "C" Class China ponies will take part in this race, which is the second leg of the "Daily Double". Scenic View has been asked to carry 168 lbs. and with this handicap it may not accept. In that event Sunlight View (Mr. Pih), recently promoted, will represent the Lan Stable.

Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang) and Salvage Master (Mr. Black) which dead-heated for second place in the Connaught Handicap (second section) over the two mile post have been given an extra 3 lbs. each, and as the distance is a little shorter I consider Laughing Girl to have the best chance. Royal Highness (Mr. Needa) and Sylvandale (Mr. Hearne), recently promoted, were in this class before, and there is no reason why they should not do well. All being considered, however, I think Laughing Girl will win with Salvage Master second and Sunlight View third.

RACE NO. 8. NEWCASTLE HANDICAP: (ABOUT HALF MILE 160 YARDS)

The day's programme will be concluded by this race, in which "C" Class Australian ponies which have won more than \$1,000.00 in stakes since January 1, 1939 are barred. After its brilliant win at the last meeting Roofly (Mr. Davis) has been penalised 12

lbs. and it will carry 152 lbs., but as it is in fine fettle at the moment it is just possible that it will repeat its success.

Violet Queen did quite well to come third to Roofly in the same race and its weight has gone up by 9 lbs. but as novice jockey Mr. Botelho is again taking it out it has an allowance of 5 lbs. and so might score its first win.

A Roaring Time (Mr. Needa), which won the Ballarat Handicap at the Ninth Extra Meeting, has improved quite a good deal lately and I expect it to offer Roofly stern opposition.

The finish should be fought out between these three ponies with the last-named as my fancy.

Starting Gate Practice At Jockey Club

Hong Kong Jockey Club have issued the following circular to members regarding starting gate practice in preparation for the Annual Meeting next February:

"Owners, Jockeys, and Trainers are urgently requested to see that ponies in which they are interested are trained to the Starting Gate by making use of the ones erected for practice purposes.

"Untrained ponies are liable to delay starts, and also unsettle the rest of the field. "The Starter will have the Stewards' instructions to exercise his powers as to the

MR. MOLLER BACK AGAIN

This meeting will mark the re-appearance of Mr. Ralph "Boogie" Moller, of Shanghai, who is very popular with the Hong Kong crowd. He is making the trip in order to ride his father's pony, Navylight, in the Hong Kong St. Leger. It will be recalled that Mr. Moller was here during the Annual Meeting, but was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

HOCKEY

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friendly hockey match.

Police, who were able to field only 10 players, including the right-half, Spr. Mcniery, borrowed from their opponents, were throughout on the defensive.

Police opened the scoring through D. Singh but L/Cpl. C. Taylor scored twice in quick succession to give Engineers a 2-1 interval lead. Spr. Smith and Cpl. D. Taylor each netted a goal in the second half.

Royal Engineers:—Spr. Goss; Lieut. Russell and L/Sgt. Goodwin; Cpl. Bowling, Spr. Marriott and Cpl. Whitaker; L/Cpl. Singleton, L/Cpl. G. Taylor, L/Cpl. Foley, Cpl. D. Taylor and Spr. Smith.

Police:—B. Singh; C. Singh and no left back; I. H. Shah, C. H. Singh and Spr. Mcniery (R.E.); D. Singh, S. Singh, N. Singh, Sgt. Wall and T. Singh.

Ladies' Goalless Draw

In a friendly hockey game at King's Park yesterday, Central British Association Ladies' senior team drew with Central British School, neither side scoring.

Y.M.C.A. Held To Draw

At King's Park yesterday 24th Battery, R.A. held Y.M.C.A. to a 2-all draw in a friendly hockey match.

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SEVERAL enquiries have been made as to the health of Courtney, Middlesex football forward who was unfortunately injured in an accident some while ago. I believe he is still in hospital, but is progressing favourably and that his sight is not impaired as was at first expected. I know everyone will wish him a quick and complete return to health and that he will soon be reproducing the football form which made him an Interport player.

EARLY as it seems to talk about the Annual Army Boxing Championships, arrangements are already well under way and the first of the competitions will take place during the first week in February.

PREVIOUS to last season the Championships were always held at Murray Barracks, but a departure was made last year when they were held on the Skating Rink at Shamshuipo Barracks. The chief trouble has always been to get the general public interested in Army Boxing, and in an effort to cater for people who live both sides of the water the competitions have been evenly split between Murray and Shamshuipo Barracks this coming season.

The Inter-unit Novices competition will be the first to take place and it

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

will commence on the February 6, and the Finals will take place on the 8th. All Preliminary Rounds and Finals will be staged at Murray Barracks. In all team competitions 15 boxers take part on behalf of each team and so plenty of fights are assured.

IT may be of interest to give the Army definition of a "Novice," which is used when deciding whether boxers may take part in a "Novice" competition. The definition is:—"A Novice is a man who has not represented his unit in any Command (or equivalent) competition or has not fought in any (Command or equivalent) Individual Open Competition." For the purpose of this ruling, practice matches between units are excepted. I am not quite clear, however, as to what competition can be called equivalent to a Command competition or whether local competitions are termed "Command" competitions.

IT seems likely that the Small Units and other regiments who have not previously entered these champion-

ships will be taking part this year, although it is impossible to say at this time what the strengths of the teams will be.

Other dates for the remainder of the bouts are as follows:—
Individual—Novices, February, 20, 21, and 22.

Inter-Unit Open, April 2, 3 and 4.
Individual Open and Boys Open, April 16, 17 and 18.

AN interesting experiment is being tried in the R.A.S.C. side on Saturday. Fare, their centre-half, was injured against South China last weekend, and so Logan, Army and United Services cricketer, is stepping into the breach. Although playing mainly cricket, he is a useful soccer player but usually plays at centre-forward.

MEDICALS are showing fine form at cricket this season and Cpl. Webb and Q.M.S. Patterson have shown a welcome return to form.

With Majors Harvey and Swyer also doing well and Q.M.S. Green "doing his stuff" with the ball they look as though they are in for a bright season.

FEDERATION TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation against the Association in the First Round of the Governor's Cup competition on Sunday at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m.

Cheung Wing-choi (South China "B"); Lee Tin-sang (South China "A") and Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong Wah); Soong Ling-sing (South China "A"), Leung Wing-chui (South China "A") and Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Yeung Shui-yick (South China "B") or Fung King-cheong (South China "A"), Lee Wai-tong (South China "A"), Lal Shui-wing (South China "A") and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Hin-hon, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lau Chi-tsan (Eastern) Mak Siu-hon (South China "A") and Cheuk Shek-kam and Chow Man-chi (Kwong Wah).

MIDDLESEX TEAM

Following will represent Middlesex Regt. in their First Division League football game against the champions, South China "A", at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 4.15 p.m.—Drake; Cooper and Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright and Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Tait, Saw and Thomas (C) or Marable. Reserve—Thomas (R).

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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

The first match of the First Round of the Ewo League was played last Thursday between Aspirants and Black Dog and, as predicted, resulted in a win for Aspirants by the handsome margin of 403 pins.

The result was a foregone conclusion in view of the fact that such prominent players as Landolt, Gaddi, Fawcett and Dudderidge were members of the side.

Dudderidge was unable to play in this game as he was on duty and Narramore deputised. There is no doubt that had Dudderidge turned out Aspirants would have won by an even bigger margin.

RECENTLY I have complained of a dearth of 200's in several of the matches played, but on this occasion there was nothing to complain about as Landolt (230), Gaddi (213) and Fawcett (203) all topped 200.

Landolt's score for the three games was 565, or an average of 189 pins a game, Gaddi was a close second with 559 or an average of 187 pins. Fawcett was not far behind the leaders and scored 539 or an average of 180 per game. These scores will probably stand unbeaten for a long time.

It may interest bowling fans to know that Landolt made his 230 as follows:—three spares in succession, then two strikes and two spares, four strikes, and finished up with an eight.

On paper Gaddi's effort appeared to be even better than Landolt's because he commenced with five strikes in a row, a nine, a strike, an eight and then a strike, spare and a strike, actually eight strikes in a game.

Just before the League game Fawcett put up 229, which was a creditable performance.

IN my previous articles I referred to the rather weak performances of "Ashville" and "Mindanao" in their first match, played recently, but in



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ABOLITION OF LEAGUE TO BE PROPOSED

(By "REFEREE")

THE ABOLITION OF THE League is a proposal that will no doubt be given a mixed reception at the next General Meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association.

The proposal, I understand, will be made by a prominent local bowler of one of the leading clubs, and he will be supported by a member of the Council on behalf of another First Division club.

In the view of the advocates of the proposal, League bowls is taken much too seriously in the Colony and the spirit of the game is deteriorating as a result.

Competitive bowls, it is said, brings with it strict adherence to the rules governing the competitions and any divergence—though in the best of spirit—is often looked on as a deliberate attempt to obtain some material benefit.

In the place of League bowls it will be suggested that friendly games be played. The programme could be drawn up by the Association, or Club secretaries could fix up their own games as is done in cricket and hockey.

Though some opposition to this proposal is expected, the proposers of this scheme have approached a number of leading lawn bowlers and many have

the return match on Saturday I had to reverse my opinion as both teams played exceptionally well.

In the first game "Mindanao" won by 269 pins, but on Saturday "Ashville" won by 212 pins.

The highest score was registered by Balaski, of "Ashville," with 898 or an average of 180 per game—a really good performance. Gray, also of "Ashville," registered the second highest with a score of 839, and this was evidence of the great improvement these two players have made since their last game.

I was rather surprised that Harvey was still off form for this match. He had hard luck with many shots. Sheehan put up the highest score for "Mindanao," with 801 or an average of 160 pins per game, while Keplinger scored 746.

ANOTHER bowler at the Alleys who is making fast progress is Watts, of Medicals, who has already scored 200 on several occasions and is now a member of the 200 Club. On Tuesday he returned the creditable score of 230.

DOC Molthen still holds the record for the highest score (238) at the Alleys, but Landolt almost beat that with 234.

THE Duck Pin record is held by Landolt, but on Wednesday Pirard was only four shot off that with 125.

Messrs Gilman and Co, have donated a tin of Rothman cigarettes to any bowler scoring 110 at Duck Pins and 210 at Ten Pins.

MRS. P. Beresford is the holder of the highest score for ladies for the month with 181 at Ten Pins and at this rate should shortly be eligible for the 200 Club.

expressed their approval and have promised their support when the matter comes before their own club committee.

It is pointed out that the Association will, as usual, organise all Championships and other competitions.

NAVY "A" RUGBY XV

The following will represent Navy "A" against Army "A" (Possibly Club "A" in lieu) to-morrow on the Naval ground, Causeway Bay:

Lieut. Bax (Scout); Surg. Lieut. Corcoran (Tamar), Flight Lieut. Wright (R.A.F.), Surg. Lieut. Kirkwood (Durban) and Sub-Lieut. Kennedy (M.T.B.'s); Lieut.-Cdr. Clark (M.T.B.'s) and Tel. Hall (M.T.B.'s); L. S. A. Palmer (Thracian), Ldg. Wtr. Barlow (Tamar), A. B. Gallagher (Durban), L. S. A. Yandell (Lowestoft), Ldg. Wtr. Ferris (Tamar), P. O. King (Tamar), Pay. Lieut. Charles (C-in-C's Office) and P. O. Kewell (Durban).

Reserves:—L. S. Spirit (M.T.B.'s), Cpl. Marron (Tamar), Tel. Bowden (Thracian) and L. S. Catchside (Bideford).

KERSHAW'S WIN

Returning a card of four down against bogey, W. Kershaw won the bogey pool at Kowloon City on Sunday. T. Lamb, 83 (9) 74, and A. J. Dennis, 81 (6) 75, qualified for the Captain's Cup.

GRAPHIC GOLF



ADMIRABLE GOLFING TEMPERAMENT By BEST BALL

Possibly no golfer in the history of the game has possessed a temperament more ideally fitted for the sport than Walter Hagen. He possessed the concentration to go the 72 hole tournament route, yet he could do it without the friction wearing mental strain that has been part and parcel of so many first flight players. Hagen looked at each new tournament as sort of a new adventure in fact it might be said he looked at each new shot in that way. This gave a zest to his game, a flavour and colour that no golfer since has quite possessed.

It mattered not that any ball of Hagen's went a bit aside the destination he had mapped for it. He just figured it a bad break and that sooner or later a good one would come along to make up for it. As a result his swing was always relaxed and likely as not would make as much out of a bad lie as most golfers can do with a good one. It is quite possible that the 'Haig' made more money out of the game than any other golfer. Walter is still playing golf and likely to take anyone when he hits a good day.

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"Stop Press" Selection...New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
"Music In The Air"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein & Kern)...Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Going Greek"—Selection...Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Trio.
6.25 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Tangos—El Adios; Paciencia...Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Two Shadows In The Moonlight; Moon At Sea...Billy Thorburn & His Music.
Fox-Trots—Caravan; I'm Feelin' Like A Million (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938')...Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
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Fox-Trot—I Saw A Ship A-Sailing; Waltz—The Greatest Mistake Of My Life...Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orch.
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Waltz—The Waltz Lives On (film 'Big Broadcast of 1938'); Fox-Trot—You Took The Words Right Out Of My Heart (film 'Big Broadcast of 1938')...Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
7.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.30 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Another "Musical Cocktail" by Erich Porges (Piano) (From Jimmy's Kitchen).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor. Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

8.43 p.m.—Piano Recital by Eileen Joyce.
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—Verdi's "La Traviata" Act III. Singers in order of appearance: Mercedes Capris (Soprano); Ida Conti (Contralto); Baccaloni (Bari-tone); Cecil (Tenor); Caleffi (Bari-tone); with Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, and Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lorenzo Molajoli.
10.17 p.m.—Light Orchestral. Midnight Rose (D'Erlanger)...Symphony Orchestra.
St. Mary's Chimes—Waltz (J. Strauss, arr. Seitzberger)...Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Songs from the Shows". A Variety Programme.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"In England Now".
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South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q 6 3
♥ K J 9 4
♦ J 9 8 5 2
♣ —
♠ 9 7 4
♥ A 6
♦ 10 7 3
♣ J 10 9 5
2
♠ A J 2
♥ 10 5 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ K Q 8 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

As actually played (after West's opening of the club Jack), South discarded a heart from dummy and East won the trick with the club Ace. East came to the conclusion that the opening lead had marked South with both the King and Queen of clubs, and thus there was no point in returning the suit. Since a heart had been discarded, it appeared that Declarer was planning to win his tricks in the other suits and therefore there was a good chance that West would hold

the heart Ace.

On this reasoning East returned a heart. His partner won with the Ace and played his remaining heart through dummy's King-Jack. The defence was then able to win three heart tricks and the two Aces to set the contract. However, if the Declarer (and you) had discarded either a diamond or a spade on the opening lead, the game could not have been beaten.

Yesterday, with neither side vulnerable, you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ x
♥ A K x x
♦ x x x x
♣ Q 10 x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♠	2♣	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to double. There is an excellent chance of inflicting a substantial penalty, but comparatively little chance for you to make a game.

Score 100% for double, 40% for two hearts, 20% for two notrump, 0 for and other bid.

QUESTION NO 260

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner to-day and hold:

♠ A K x x x
♥ Q x x
♦ A x
♣ x x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	You
1♦	1♥	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GOLF STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.15 a.m.	F. D. Hunter, R. Young.
9.20 "	I. M. Rowland, E. J. Fagiano.
9.24 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.28 "	G. C. Worrall, N. D. Lloyd.
9.32 "	H. E. the Governor, S. H. Dodwell.
9.36 "	J. W. Clague, B. O. Baldwin.
9.40 "	P. Morrison, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.44 "	A. E. Lissaman, A. N. Other.
9.48 "	D. J. Gilmore, A. Sommerfelt.
9.52 "	R. J. Shrigley, F. C. Young.
9.56 "	S. S. Church, M. D. Cooper.
10.00 "	R. H. Gregory, M. Pollock.
10.04 "	W. A. Stewart, T. Low.
10.08 "	J. B. Harrison, R. J. K. Walker.
10.12 "	S. C. Feltham, D. G. G. Allen.
10.16 "	D. S. Edward, W. W. C. Shewan.
10.20 "	T. E. Pearce, H. G. Sheldon.
10.24 "	J. M. Pearson, P. E. Annis.
10.28 "	H. C. Margrett, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.
10.32 "	L. Goldman, G. R. Riddell.
10.36 "	Carre.
10.38 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.40 "	N. K. Littlejohn, G. B. S.

10.44 "	Thomson.
10.48 "	C. C. Willson, W. Cruickshank.
10.52 "	B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.
10.56 "	H. C. Watson, P. C. Jackson.
11.00 "	G. A. Lieper, W. Park.
11.04 "	A. B. Purves, W. J. S. Key.
11.08 "	Major Hogg, Major Heane.
11.12 "	Col. Smith, Capt. MacPherson.
11.16 "	Col. Shackleton, Capt. Helby.
11.20 "	Major Rudolf, Capt. Tracey.
11.24 "	Capt. Reidy, R. S. M. Edleston.
11.28 "	R. G. Gray, Lieut. Carter.
	Capt. Bowen, Major Temple.
	NEW COURSE
9.24 a.m.	Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss Culbertson.
9.32 "	W. N. A. and Mrs. Smalley.
9.40 "	D. M. MacDougall, T. Megarry.
9.48 "	Major Johnstone, Major Meek.
9.56 "	Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Low.
10.04 "	E. G. Price, R. R. de L. Liesching.
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE ELEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAP-PY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th November, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th Nov., 1939.

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Paris, To-day.
THE NEW BRITISH Ambassador, Sir Ronald Hugh Campbell, presented his credentials to President Lebrun yesterday.

Sir Ronald said: "As in 1914, Britain shares France's apprehensions and hopes, admires France's courage and rallies to her side with all available resources."

"I am proud to devote my efforts to the indivisible union on which Europe's fate is dependent."
President Lebrun answered stressing the absolute community of thought and action and the solidarity between the two countries.—Havas.

INDIAN FACES GRAVE CHARGE

AN INDIAN CONSTABLE, AJIT SINGH WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS ON THURSDAY BEFORE MR. JUSTICE R. E. LINDSELL WITH THE RAPE OF A CHINESE WOMAN ON OCTOBER 3 OFF THE MAIN ROAD NEAR FANLING.

Mr. T. J. Gould, assistant crown counsel, will conduct the case for the Crown. Accused is not legally represented.

There will be 14 witnesses for the Crown and three for the defence.

Lower court proceedings were heard before Mr. J. H. B. Lee at the Taipo Court.

Mr. D. G. Wilson, of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, was fined \$5 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest allowing his car to remain longer than necessary in

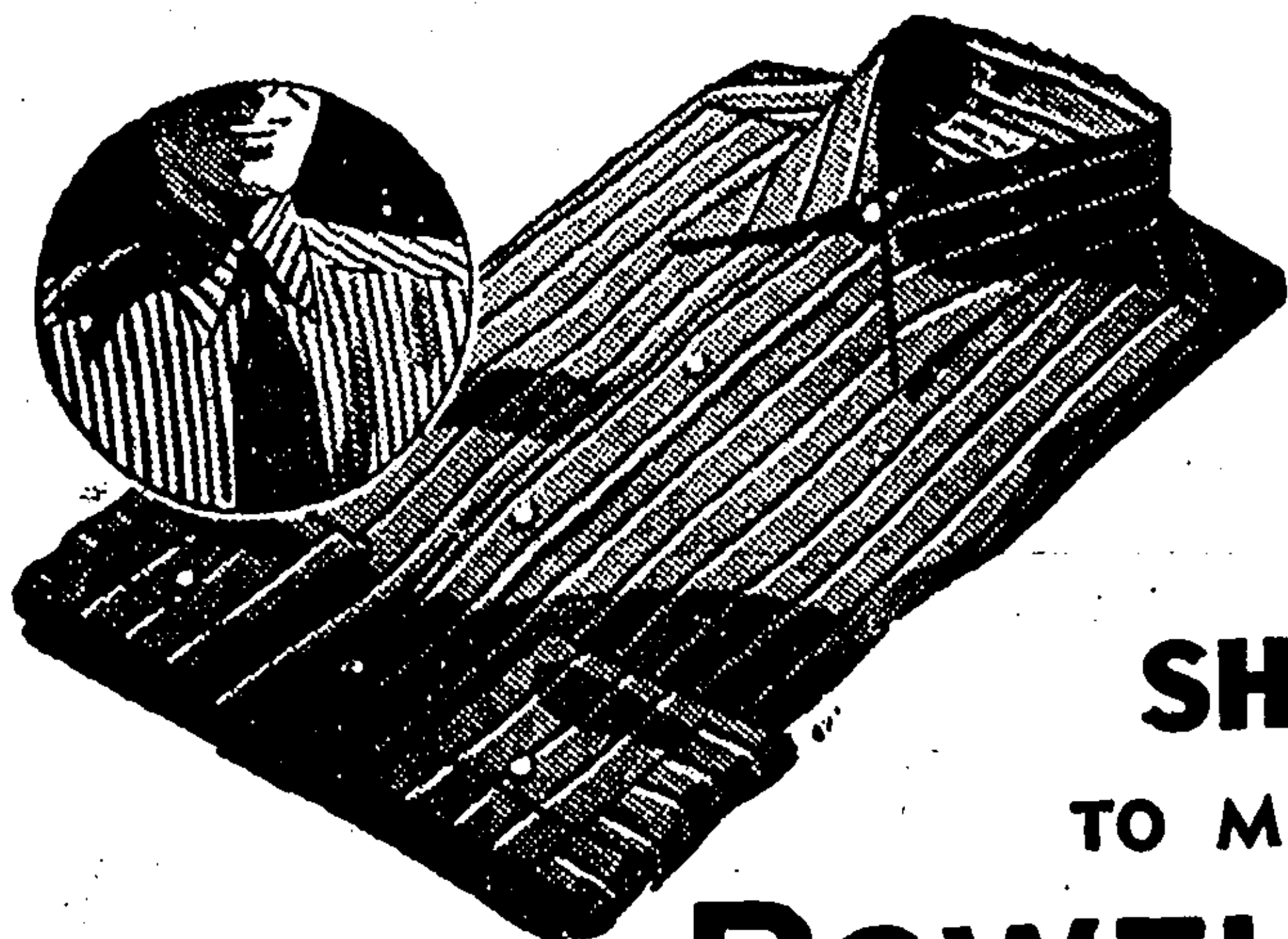
CHINESE CODE CASE

The editor of the "Wah Kiu Yat Po," Mr. Koo Pak-hian, was again remanded by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when charged with possession of a Chinese code.
Defendant is on bail of \$2,000. Det. Serg. McPherson is in charge of the case.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the upper Yangtse Valley to the Sea to Japan.
Pressure is relatively low to the south of the Caroline Islands.

Queen's Road Central near the Mercantile Bank on November 1.



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Ottawa, To-day.

It is estimated that Canada will spend Can.\$600,000,000 for war purposes in the first year of the war, according to the Ottawa "Evening Citizen."

The Imperial air training plan is expected to entail an outlay in the first year of between Can.\$250,000,000 and Can.\$300,000,000. — Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Strongly reinforced, the Japanese have re-attacked at Lungmun in very bad weather. The Chinese have withdrawn inland owing to constant shelling and bombing.

Latest messages received state that the Japanese advanced rapidly this morning and reached the outskirts of Yamchowfu where the Chinese are now holding out, awaiting reinforcements from the Kwangsi border.

Stubborn resistance by the Chinese outside Pakhoi has frustrated all attempts by the Japanese to enter the port.

It is reported that some 2,000 additional troops were landed this morning near Lungmun and on the coast north-west of Pakhoi.—Our Own Correspondent.

The insignia of the C.B.E. is to be presented to Professor K.H. Digby, and of the M.B.E. to Captain J. C. Rodrigues, H.K.V.D.C., at an Investiture at Government House on Thursday morning next.

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